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OUR OBJECT

WILLIAM COOLIDGE LANE

Chairman A. L. A. Publishing Board

THIS first number of a Bulletin of the American Library Association marks, it is hoped, the beginning of a closer connection between the Association and its members. The regular issue of such a Bulletin four or six times a year, or perhaps oftener if needed, would make it possible for the executive officers to communicate at frequent stated periods with members, and to keep them informed of action taken by the several boards and committees of the Association in the intervals between meetings.

For many years the chief function of the Association was to provide annually a meeting-place for librarians at some convenient point, and to stimulate interest in library matters by conventions now in one place and now in another, in different parts of the country. State and local associations, which have sprung from the interest and enthusiasm aroused by these meetings, now hold similar gatherings, which for many of their members serve the same purpose that was served by the earlier meetings of the American Library Association. Relying on these local associations to care for library interests, each in its own field, the general association in its present work may properly emphasize its national character. It will still provide, as no state or inter-state body can do, an annual convention, which shall bring together librarians from all parts of the United States and Canada. By means of its Publishing Board it can issue booklists, indexes, and manuals, which will be of general use throughout the country. Through its committees, it can gather information in regard to important subjects from every state, and present the result of these general surveys in reports which will reach all its members. It can give special attention to fostering library interests in those sections of the

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country in which state commissions or state associations are still wanting, and it can keep all librarians posted as to the work which is being accomplished by the various state organizations.

To accomplish any of these results in a systematic manner, it requires a local habitation, a central office, to which inquiries or appeals for help may be addressed, and from which advice, instruction, and encouragement may issue forth. Most of its work of this kind is done through correspondence, hence it makes little difference where these headquarters are located, whether in Boston, New York, Washington, Chicago, or San Francisco. The main point is to determine where the conditions for carrying on such work are most favorable, where the most convenient accommodations can be secured, and where the best counsel is available.

With the opening of headquarters, and with the enlargement of the Association's activities thus made possible, a Bulletin, to be issued at regular intervals as a means of communication, becomes an essential part of the plan. This Bulletin should contain reports of the meetings of the Council and of the Executive Board of the Association; information in regard to the publications and plans of the Publishing Board; reports from standing committees appointed by the Association to gather information in regard to special subjects; early announcement of the meetings of the Association and of arrangements for attending them; and whatever else relates to the work of the Association. It may also usefully contain information in regard to the publications and progress of the state commissions and the state associations, since these commissions are generally willing to send their publications to anyone outside the state to whom they would be useful.

Each member of the Library Association is properly entitled to receive information of this kind regularly and without expense. It should be part of the return which he gets for his annual payment. Moreover, the Association will find itself more valued by its members if each member is kept informed of what it is doing, so that he may know what help he may profitably ask for, how and where to apply for help, and how to direct others to apply for it.

Such a Bulletin, however, may be compiled with care, may be published frequently, and may be mailed to every member, but it will fail of accomplishing its purpose, unless those to whom it is sent will make a point of *reading it*, and will regard it as a message addressed personally to each one. If it contains requests for information; if it asks for annual reports and bulletins, for plans, or for administrative blanks; if it requests members to send in their annual dues, without having bills sent out to them individually (an expensive process), each member is asked to regard the request as made personally and individually to him, and to respond to it as promptly as he would to a written letter enclosed under a two cent stamp. With cooperation of this kind from the members of the Association, the Bulletin will be of inestimable value to the officers in performing the duties which are placed upon them, and to the members in helping them to gain the full value of their membership.

Will you make it a point to read this Bulletin and to keep yourself informed in regard to the affairs of the A. L. A.?

Executive Board

Extracts from the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Board held at the Park Avenue Hotel, New York City, Dec. 22, 1906, at which were present President Clement W. Andrews, E. H. Anderson, Frank P. Hill, George F. Bowerman, J. I. Wyer, Jr., and, by invitation, E. C. Hovey.

The following communication was read from the committee appointed at Narragansett Pier to look after the interests of the Association in the matter of pending copyright legislation:—

DEC. 8, 1906.

To the Executive Board of the American Library Association:—

The undersigned, representing the committee appointed by the Association at its Narragansett meeting to watch the progress of the copyright bill and to do what might appear to be necessary for the interests of the Association in connection therewith, attended a hearing held by the Committee on Patents of the Senate and House of Representatives at Washington on Dec. 7, 1906. There were present also Messrs. Wellman, Cutter and Steiner representing the Library Copyright League, in opposition to the bill. Your representative presented on behalf of the committee the following statement:—

We desire to submit the following statement of what we conceive to be the official position of the American Library Association in regard to the proposed bill. The undersigned were delegates of the American Library Association to the Copyright Conference and are now a committee of that Association to watch the progress of the bill and to do what may appear to be necessary for the interests of the Association in connection therewith.

At the first meeting of the conference, June 2, 1905, the delegates protested against the proposed exclusion of foreign editions of works copyrighted in this country, and stated that, although no formal action has been taken by the Association, the matter would be considered by it at its meeting in Portland, Oregon. In reporting this action at that meeting, July 7, 1905, the delegates recom-

mended that the question be referred to the Council for consideration and action. Accordingly, the Council requested the Executive Board "to take measures for the representation of the Association at future conferences on the revision of the copyright laws, and in behalf of the Association to protest against the inclusion in the copyright law of the provision prohibiting importation of copyrighted works into the United States without written consent of author or copyright proprietor, or to secure some modification of the same.

The delegates, having been reappointed, attended the two remaining sessions of the conference, Nov. 1-4, 1905, and March 13-15, 1906, and in the interval had an informal meeting with the representatives of the American Publishers' Copyright League, at which the latter signified their willingness to modify in great measure their demands for the exclusion of foreign editions. Being convinced that the draft of a copyright bill as agreed on by the conference would inevitably contain a clause lessening the present privileges of libraries in the importation of American copyright books, and desirous, in accordance with their instructions, quoted above, to secure as great a modification of such restriction as seemed possible, the delegates agreed to accept a clause which differs in no important respect from that now embodied in the bill under discussion. This clause was not finally put into shape until after extensive correspondence and a conference of the Executive Board with the representatives of the American Publishers' Copyright League, at which the delegates were present. The resulting compromise, which received the unanimous approval and concurrence of the Executive Board, was presented to the Council of the Association at its meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., March 10, 1906. At that meeting some members of the Council expressed disapproval of the action of the delegates and the Executive Board, and a number of motions were introduced looking toward specific instructions to the delegates, but no definite action resulted from any of them.

At the close of the sessions and after the last hearing given by the Senate and House Committee, beginning June 6, 1906, the delegates again reported to the Council, at its meeting at Narragansett Pier, July 5, 1906, explaining in full the various steps that had been taken, and giving their reasons for the same. The Council voted that their report be accepted and their recommendations

adopted, "and that the thanks of the Council be extended to the delegates for their successful efforts."

The undersigned were appointed as a committee to watch the progress of the bill, as stated above, and a resolution introduced to give them specific instructions was voted down by a large majority.

Under these circumstances the undersigned regard their action as beyond doubt the official action of the American Library Association. The Association by every means open to it has approved as a body the part of the present bill affecting the interests of libraries and any expression of disapproval must be that of individual libraries, or librarians, and not of the Association as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) ARTHUR E. BOSTWICK
FRANK P. HILL
Committee of the American Library Ass'n

This statement was amplified very briefly in a few words in the endeavor to make it clear that the Association had preferred to take part in the Copyright Conference and to secure in that conference the best terms possible for librarians, rather than to stay out of the conference and oppose whatever changes of the present law regarding importations might be incorporated in the new bill; also that the present features of the bill, so far as they relate to libraries, were arrived at during a conference between the Executive Board and representatives of other interests, at which were present a considerable number of those librarians now opposing the bill.

The librarians present in opposition to the bill presented a memorial against it signed by three hundred librarians, most of whom were said to be members of the American Library Association. They opposed the bill chiefly on general grounds, and in answer to a direct question from the chairman of the committee regarding the discrepancy between their petition and the official attitude of the American Library Association answered that this official attitude was largely a personal endorsement of the delegates to the conference, in voting for which, members of the

Council reserved their right to oppose the bill as individuals.

It is probable that this action will make it very difficult in the future for the American Library Association to carry on official negotiations with any other body, which is to be regretted.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR E. BOSTWICK

Speaking further for the committee Mr. Hill emphasized the fact that its members, both as delegates to the Copyright Conference and hearings and as members of the present committee, have uniformly acted according to the expressed wishes of and instructions from the Association, its Council and its Executive Board, and that their actions have thus represented the official action and position of the Association so far as it was possible for the Association to declare itself. That since the position taken by the A. L. A. Council at Atlantic City in March, 1906, numerous meetings of the General Association, the Council and the Executive Board have been held, at which the declared attitude of the Association might have been revised or rescinded, or its Copyright Committee retired, altered or instructed, but that no such action has been taken and that the A. L. A. is the only body represented at the several copyright conferences whose individual members have appeared in opposition to the attitude of the Association of which they are members.

With the substitution of the word "official" for the word "unanimous" in the phrase "unanimous approval and concurrence of the Executive Board", the report of the committee was accepted and adopted as an adequate statement of the action of the Association to date. The Secretary was instructed to notify the chairman of the committee of the action on the report as amended.

On recommendation of the Treasurer it was
Voted, That the funds collected specifically for the support of headquarters be consolidated with the general funds of the Association and that the budget for headquarters

be combined, on the Treasurer's books, with the budget for general purposes of the Association, and that in future all receipts be credited to a single fund and all appropriations be charged against this fund.

Voted unanimously, That the Secretary be directed to spread upon the minutes of this meeting and transmit to the Recorder an expression of the sincere regret which is felt by every one of her colleagues on the Executive Board at her enforced absence from this meeting and her own work; to assure her of their hearty pleasure at the hopeful news of rapid recovery, with its promise of speedy resumption of her duties in connection with the Library Journal and with this Board, and to convey to her a very cordial appreciation of the value and faithfulness of her long service to the American Library Association.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION EXHIBIT

On request of the Committee on Exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition, the Executive Board authorized the appointment of a co-operating committee consisting of the superintendents of children's work in the New York, Brooklyn and Cleveland Public Libraries and in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, to assist in the collection and installation of the Model Children's Room.

J. I. WYER, JR.,

Secretary

Membership

It is customary for the Treasurer at the annual conference to include in his report a statement of membership in the Association on the last day of the preceding year. The following table covers the actual paid membership on Dec. 31, 1906, and a comparative statement showing its growth during that year:

	Year ending Dec. 31, 1905	Year ending Dec. 31, 1906
Honorary members . . .	9	8
Perpetual member . . .	1	1
Life fellows . . .	2	2
Life members . . .	45	55
Annual members . . .	1,162	1,696
Library members . . .	34	82
	<hr/> 1,253	<hr/> 1,844

These figures show a gain in membership of 591 during the twelve months ending Dec. 31, 1906. Particular attention is directed to the large increase in library membership during that period.

While our added membership is very gratifying, it should but serve as a stimulus to each member of the Association to that personal effort which shall secure a still further increase, to the end that the Treasurer may announce in January, 1908, that the Association has a membership consisting of not less than 3,000 annual members and of not less than 250 library members.

Will you help?

This can easily be accomplished if each present member, *retaining* his own membership in the Association, will but assume the obligation of securing one additional member. There is not a single one of us but has one friend at least who would gladly join our ranks if earnestly approached. Again, it is safe to say that a large majority of the libraries represented in the membership of the A. L. A. could be easily induced to become annual subscribing members if only the librarians would but place the matter before their trustees in the proper light and with enthusiasm.

Annual Bills

It has been the custom to send bills on the first of January covering the annual dues. This has not been done this year because the administration, desiring to materially reduce the annual outlay for postage, has determined to ask the members to help them in making the experiment successful. The expense incurred each year in reaching our members in connection with the annual bills, the preparation for the annual conference and other matters has grown to a large sum. It is proposed to use the pages of this Bulletin for all such announcements, and the members are asked to give their hearty cooperation in carrying out the plan as above outlined. Let each of us, recognizing the earnestness of our executive officers in their desire to increase the mem-

bership and influence of the A. L. A., and mindful of their efforts to keep the expenses of the Association as small as possible, obligate himself to do the little herein asked for an organization of which we are all justly proud and which we wish to see go forward along lines of even greater usefulness than those which have heretofore served to establish the public library as the twin brother of the public school in our great scheme of national education.

Please remit *at once*. If an individual, \$2.00. If a library, \$5.00. In doing so be good enough to remember that we want you to send postal order or draft on either New York or Boston; this because the Treasurer will be obliged in a majority of cases to pay collection charges if you send a check on your local bank. Make remittance payable to the American Library Association and send to 34 Newbury Street, Boston. To collect our annual dues in the manner above proposed will save the Association \$60.00. It will add nothing whatever of burden to the individual. The executive officers have faith to believe that you will give them this help.

Addresses

Members must remember to inform headquarters at once of any change in their address. Headquarters cannot be held responsible when literature, mailed to the last address given by the member, is not forwarded to some new address of which those in charge have not been informed. The only source on which it is at all safe for these offices to depend is the member himself. In sending your remittance, therefore, will you not accompany it with your full name, position in library, if so employed, and the address which you wish these offices to use until such time as it is changed over your own signature. Kindly help headquarters in this particular also.

Bulletin

The next edition of the Bulletin will be based on the actual paid membership, so that

it is for your interest to give early attention to this notice, especially if you wish to preserve files of a publication, which it is hoped will meet the approval of and be of service to members.

Headquarters Committee

For two years past the A. L. A. Council has considered opening headquarters in charge of some one who would devote his whole time to the details of Association business, which are getting beyond the possibilities of volunteer work. To assist the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees, the Publishing Board, the standing committees and the special committees appointed from year to year; to keep the National Association in touch with state commissions and local library clubs; to serve as information bureau for members,—a permanent staff and place of business are more and more needed every year. After the Council had become convinced of this need, there was still difference of opinion as to methods, and doubt as to financing such a development. At the last conference the question was left to the Executive Board, with powers.

The attempt to secure funds for two years' expenses of headquarters was only partially successful. Boston, Brooklyn, Montreal, New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg contributed, but other library centers from which aid was expected failed to respond. The original plan had been to open headquarters in New York as the most accessible center; but the funds raised were entirely inadequate for metropolitan expenses. The question arose whether to abandon the plan and return the money contributed, or to try the experiment elsewhere. Finding that quarters within our means could be secured in Boston and that the money in hand and definitely promised would provide for one year's support, the Executive Board decided to try the experiment there, placing Mr. E. C. Hovey in charge, trusting that a demonstration of the usefulness of headquarters work would bring further subscriptions, and that ways and

means could be devised at the next conference for making permanent this important function of the Association.

Two floors were accordingly rented at No. 34 Newbury Street, near the Boston Public Library, and opened September 1, 1906. The Publishing Board occupies the second floor, and on the first floor are the offices of the Association and a room for exhibits. The small force employed has been kept busy with records and correspondence, which are constantly increasing.

In order to provide constant supervision and assistance, the Executive Board has committed the immediate supervision of headquarters to a local committee consisting of Mr. D. P. Corey, Chairman, and Messrs. Gardner M. Jones and Charles C. Soule, all of Boston.

Every member of the Association, indeed everyone interested in library progress, is notified that he has the right and is cordially invited to call upon headquarters for information or assistance in any library problem. If those in charge are not able to help, they may be depended upon to find the right person both able and willing to give advice on the particular problems involved.

Architectural Committee

As a result of a paper read at the last conference and the discussion which followed, a Committee on Architecture was appointed and instructed to make at the new headquarters a collection of library plans, to arrange them in convenient form for examination and study and to get from librarians opinions as to the merits and defects of plans which they have tested.

The members of this committee were too widely scattered for meetings between conferences, but by correspondence they have authorized an immediate start to collect plans. By personal interview and correspondence there have already been obtained (mainly so far from architects) twenty sets of floor plans. As many more have been definitely promised.

All librarians who occupy new buildings, or old buildings with good points, or even poor buildings which are "awful examples," are invited and urged to get out and send at once to the A. L. A. Architectural Committee, No. 34 Newbury Street, Boston, plans of their libraries, as follows:—

Full size floor plans.

Elevations and cross sections.

Exterior views.

Interior views of the principal rooms.

To these should be added criticisms by the librarian of different features in each library as they have worked out in actual use.

A collection of this kind, properly arranged and indexed, and open to the inspection of architects, librarians and trustees, will tend so directly to improvements in library arrangement and will be so helpful to all who have libraries to plan in the future that the Architectural Committee looks confidently for prompt and general response to its appeal for plans. Librarians who have building problems on hand are urged to communicate with the committee, who will render all possible assistance.

Travel Committee

The committee had hoped to be able to make some definite announcement at this time regarding the coming conference. As no conclusion has yet been reached by the railroads regarding the application for reduced rates, the committee is obliged to confine itself to the following tentative suggestions, hoping to give definite information in the next issue of the Bulletin.

If it be decided to go to Asheville, the committee will plan a personally conducted trip from the east, with special car service from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington. Another party will be formed to accommodate those in Chicago and the middle west.

After the sessions, which will occupy a week, there will be an opportunity to visit some of the mountain resorts near Asheville, including the beautiful Toxaway country,

this trip to cover several days and to be personally conducted.

On its return, the eastern party will stop over a day or two at the Jamestown Exposition and at Richmond.

Not even an approximate cost of this trip can be given until the rate is fixed by the railroads.

F. W. FAXON, *Chairman*
34 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass.

Book-binding Committee

In the spring of 1905 the Executive Board of the A. L. A. appointed a Committee on Book-binding. The scope of the committee was very wide, in that it was supposed to cover the questions of rebinding, book-papers, pamphlet and magazine binders, and publishers' bindings. The first report made at the meeting at Narragansett Pier called attention to important points in Mr. Dana's "Notes on Binding for Libraries;" stated that the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture had established a laboratory for investigation of leather and paper; gave comparisons of the cost of library and contract bindings; and mentioned equipments necessary for a small bindery.

An important part of the report covered the negotiations carried on with the publishers for better binding. In the annual report will be found the names of ten publishers who agreed to issue a special library edition sewed on tapes, the first and last signatures guarded, and bound in buckram, provided they were assured a sale for a definite number of copies.

The principal work of the committee for the present year will be an attempt to get at the number of copies of a given book that will be wanted and to induce other publishers to adopt the specification of the committee for the library trade. It will aid the committee greatly if all libraries receiving a copy of this Bulletin will send to the chairman of the committee answers to the following questions:—

1. Do you order all or nearly all the fiction recommended in the "A. L. A. Booklist"?

2. If not, do you order all the fiction recommended for small libraries?

3. Do you wait until you receive the "Booklist" before ordering, or are most of the books on your shelves when you receive it?

4. If the publishers should issue an edition specially well-bound for the use of libraries, would you order it, provided the cost of the same should not exceed \$1.10 a volume? (Orders to be sent through your regular agents.)

5. Do you duplicate largely, or do you, as a rule, get only one copy of a book?

It is especially important that all libraries send answers to these questions, for the publishers will not agree to issue a special library edition unless they are assured a sale of at least 500 copies. In August, Charles Scribner's Sons bound up 1,500 copies of "The Tides of Barnegat" according to the specifications of this committee. It is gratifying to note that nearly all of this edition has been sold.

The committee hopes to be able to publish bulletins which go fully into the details of binding and which will give the results of the experience of those who have investigated carefully binding for libraries.

First, last and all the time the committee will emphasize the fact that in rebinding books it is not so much the cost per volume that counts as it is the proportion of cost to the number of times the book circulates before it has to be discarded. A book which costs thirty cents to bind and circulates thirty times costs one cent for every time it is lent for home use. One which costs forty cents to bind and circulates eighty times cost half a cent for every time it is lent. In other words, the first book is twice as expensive as the last. The first annual report of the committee states that seventy-five times is the minimum number of times a book ought to circulate after it has been rebound.

The chairman of the committee has received 250 copies of "A Note on Bookbind-

ing," by Douglas Cockerell. As stated in the annual report of the committee, these will be sent to those who ask for them, as long as the supply lasts.

COMMITTEE

A. L. BAILEY, *Chairman*
Free Library, Wilmington, Del.
W. P. CUTTER
DR. G. E. WIRE

Book-buying Committee

The Committee on Book-buying has consisted, since its appointment in 1903, of Arthur E. Bostwick, New York Public Library, Chairman; John Cotton Dana, Newark, N. J., Free Public Library; and Bernard C. Steiner, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md. It was first named the "Committee on Relations with the Book Trade" and the resolution constituting it directed it "to secure and communicate to librarians from time to time information relating to the limitations of discount on books purchased by libraries, and to advise them in regard to any feasible measures for avoiding the hardships of the net price system." In 1904 the name was changed to its present form. During its three years of service the committee has issued 29 bulletins, printed on cards and giving various items of information and advice likely to be of value in connection with the purchase of books, especially by small libraries. These have gone out to about 3,000 librarians—to 1,200 personally, to 1,300 through the library commissions of various states, and to 500 in other ways. They have also been reprinted, either in full, or in abstract, by "Public Libraries," "The Library Journal" and the "A. L. A. Book-list." They have covered such points as book-importation; purchase at auction, at second-hand and from remainders, with frequent lists of catalogues and of the names of dealers; useful small bibliographies; aids to book-selection, and the like. The committee has also tried to keep the readers of these bulletins in touch with the net-price system

situation, especially in so far as it depends on the rules of the American Publishers' Association.

Recently it has emphasized the value of concerted action among librarians, and has endeavored to give them an opportunity to initiate such action along certain lines. Publishers have been put in touch with the feeling of librarians regarding the quality of typography, press-work, paper and binding in many modern books, and the desirability of reprinting many of those that are out of print. There have been some tangible results and there is prospect of more, provided librarians will freely communicate with the committee and thus furnish them with ammunition.

Bulletin No. 30 is printed in this issue. Back numbers, so far as they are in print, may be obtained from the chairman, and the committee will consider the reissue of out-of-print numbers for which there may be sufficient demand.

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LIBRARY RECOGNITION WELCOMED BY BOOK AUCTIONEERS

"An indication of the important relation of the book auctioneer to the market, as a source of supply, may be judged from the issue of a bulletin by the American Library Association during the past year, calling attention of the three thousand or more public libraries of the country to the advantages of purchasing at auction sales, recommending certain named houses, and outlining the mode of procedure in sending bids. It took years of hard and discouraging labor to bring about conditions that would warrant this recognition."—[From "The Building of a Book" (Grafton Press, 1906). Chapter on "Selling at Auction," by John Anderson, Jr. "The Building of a Book" contains also an interesting article on the selection of books.]

TIMES BOOK WAR

What is known in England as "The Times Book War" still offers opportunities to American libraries to secure second-hand books in good condition at low prices. When giving an order for importation, say "Buy of Times Book Club if possible."

The "war" is thus briefly described by the *Times* itself:—

"The only question at issue between the *Times* and the publishers is as to whether the Book Club shall or shall not be allowed to sell second-hand net books before they are six months old. The *Times* Book Club maintains its right to sell bona fide second-hand books when it likes and at what price it likes. The publishers try to prohibit this and to enforce their prohibition by charging higher prices to the *Times* than to other purchasers and by withdrawing their advertisements from the *Times*."

G. B. Shaw, in a letter to the *Times* (Nov. 30th), mentioning the fact that many authors have taken sides against that paper, asserts that these have been "duped by an interested trade agitation into supporting a trumped-up moral case against the *Times* in the mistaken interests of the publishers."

He says of the *Times* sale of second-hand books, to which the publishers object because the books are often as good as new:—

"As to all this pious horror about throwing new books at scrap prices on the market, pray how many books do we see every year produced by publishers who, too languid to sustain their interest in them, too poor to advertise them, and too incapable to distribute them, 'remainder' them at a few pence a copy, and leave the author penniless or out of pocket, whilst the bookseller sells off the stock with a very fair profit at a large reduction on the published price? Can folly go further than that of the authors who have nothing to say about this abuse, but who shriek at the *Times* when it, too, remainders a book after having benefited both author and publisher by buying every copy it remainders at full trade price?"

Libraries should be prompt to take advantage of these sales, whether made by the publishers or by outsiders against the publishers' wishes.

Knowledge and Scientific News (London) has formed a "book club" for scientific works, somewhat on the plan of the *Times*. Subscribers only are admitted and an entrance fee of ten shillings is charged. Catalogue free. It says (December):

"As regards the sale of books, it is not the intention to found a book-shop and attempt to rival old-established businesses. At the same time, arrangements will be made so that a reader wishing to retain as his own any book he may have obtained from the library, can do so on payment of the ordinary value of the book.

"Each month a catalogue of additions to the library will be published in 'KNOWLEDGE,' and this will add greatly to the usefulness of the club as compared to other libraries."

This may offer American libraries some opportunity for purchasing scientific books, and it will certainly furnish them valuable lists. The paper

itself ("Knowledge") is most useful and readable.

Frederick A. Stokes Co., 331 Fourth Avenue, New York, offer to send on request, to any library, books to be inspected and returned to them at their expense.

NEW CATALOGUES OF REMAINDERS, ETC.

Neil Morrow Ladd Book Co., 646 Fulton St., Brooklyn.

Geo. Harding, 64 Great Russell St., Bloomsburg, London, W. C. (No. 129).

John Wheldon & Co., 38 Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W. C. (Botany).

John Britnell, 230 Yonge St., Toronto, Can. Nos. 194-5.

Karl W. Hiersemann, Königsstrasse 3, Leipsic. (No. 329, Numismatics.)

Morris Book-Shop (No. 48), 171 Madison St., Chicago.

Henry Gray (No. 262A; Americana), East Acton, London.

"Van Nostrand's Monthly Record of Scientific Literature" (D. Van Nostrand Co., 23 Murray St., N. Y. C.) contains valuable lists. Free on application.

PROMOTE BOOK-BUYING

One of the duties of a public library is to promote book-buying, as well as book-borrowing, among its clients, and to encourage good reading in every way possible. Suggestions along this line: (1) Send for circulars of any good book. Stamp each "This book is in the Library" and distribute. (2) Print on slips "This journal is sent to you at the suggestion of your Public Library," and send copies with addresses of some of the best people in your town to the publishers of some of the best journals, asking them to send the slips with sample copies to these addresses. (3) Get good lists of books issued by any publishers and stamp "All these books are in the ——— Public Library." Or write to the publishers that this is the case and say that you are willing to have them make public statement of the fact.

Catalogues of English dealers in remainders or second-hand books may be obtained through any importer, such as Stechert, Lemcke or Allen, on application.

A "Class List of Best Books" published for The Library Association of the United Kingdom (Aug., '06) may be obtained for one shilling of The Library Supply Co., 181 Queen Victoria St., London, E. C. Engineering books are well reviewed in the "Engineering News."

Reviews do not appear each week, but about once each month.

Lists of new books suitable for library purposes appear each month in the "Library World and Book Selector" of London; Library Supply Co.,

181 Queen Victoria St. Sub., \$1.75. The entries are annotated.

Out of Print Books: Mrs. K. M. Jacobsen, of Minnesota Library Commission, writes that the Cornu and Beer List of French fiction contains many o. p. books. "Of a large order sent recently fully half were not obtainable." The number of o. p. titles in A. L. A. Catalogue steadily increases. In ordering from these, or any catalogue that is not recent, indicate which orders should be cancelled at once, if o. p., and which should be followed up and bought. Usually it would pay better to substitute more recent works.

Lending Books to Libraries: The John R. Anderson Co., 67 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City, proposes to lend books to libraries from its stock "on the general basis of five cents a month," to be retained as long as desired and then returned, or purchased at a reduced price. They do not expect to lend in this way books that would be much worn by active circulation, but rather such as are wanted on approval.

Prices: Conn, "Bacteria, Yeasts and Molds" (Ginn & Co.), listed at \$1.00, cost a recent purchaser \$1.08 net. The publishers explain that list prices of books in school department are raised when bound up for trade department, owing to larger discount allowed (1-3 instead of 1-6). The bookseller in this case allowed only 1-10 from the raised list price (\$1.20). These variations may cause trouble unless watched.

Subscription Books: The number of "series" and "sets" of all kinds offered for sale by subscription is on the increase. A good rule is to purchase none of them. Such as are worth buying may be picked up after some delay at a price much nearer their actual value. Some historical works of undoubted value are exceptions to the general rule.

German Books: The *Beiblatt* to the *Centralblatt für Bibliothekswesen*, entitled "Blätter für Volksbibliotheken und Lesehallen," contains excellent brief reviews of current German books, written specially for libraries. This *Beiblatt* may be obtained separately from Otto Harrassowitz, Leipsic. Price \$1.00 per year. Bi-monthly.

Address inquiries and suggestions to any of the committee. Arthur E. Bostwick, Chairman, N. Y. P. L., 209 W. 23d; John Cotton Dana, Newark (N. J.), F. P. L.; Bernard C. Steiner, Enoch Pratt F. L., Baltimore, Md.

League of Library Commissions

A mid-winter conference of library commission workers and of those engaged in allied interests was held in Chicago January 3 and 4.

Mr. Clement W. Andrews, President of the A. L. A., appeared before the conference and outlined the tentative plans for the annual meeting at Asheville, suggesting that the League officers indicate their wishes for participation in such program. Following out his suggestions, which were in entire accord with the wishes of those present, it was determined to ask for representation on the general program, the speaker representing the League to take a topic conforming to the general plan of the session; also, to ask for two section meetings to be held at such times as not to conflict with the programs of other sections and affiliated organizations. President Andrews gave assurances that these wishes would be met. It was decided to center the papers and discussion for each of the section meetings upon some general topic of special interest to Commission workers and the library activities represented by them. The topic of the first session will treat of the various phases affecting the library budget and the apportionment of funds for the specific purposes constituting the expenditures of the average small library. The various phases of traveling library work, with special reference to the recent developments thereof, will be the topic of the second session.

Upon suggestion of the Wisconsin representatives it was decided to memorialize the A. L. A. in behalf of a plan for reliable, up-to-date library statistics covering the United States, such compilation to include likewise separate statistics for the several states. It was agreed that the library commissions would contribute to this compilation the statistics for their states, leaving to the A. L. A. the work of securing statistics from non-commission states. It was pointed out that the library statistics gathered by the National Bureau of Education were not wholly reliable, were printed triennially instead of annually, and appeared long after the closing date of the triennial periods.

Miss Hazeltine submitted a report for the League Committee on Publications. The tract

on Library Architecture, compiled by Miss Cornelia Marvin of the Oregon Commission, is nearly ready and will shortly be turned over to the A. L. A. Publishing Board. Mr. Hadley, of the Indiana Commission, has been requested to prepare a brochure on Library Publicity to contain material suitable for newspaper use. The Iowa Commission will be asked to plan reading lists for library workers, using the material printed in the 1906 file of the public libraries as a nucleus. Miss Baldwin, of the Minnesota Commission, will be requested to secure and edit the material for the second annual edition of the League Year-book. Mr. Legler, of the Wisconsin Commission, was requested to plan a series of business records, adapted for the use of small libraries, and dove-tailing with the statistical reports suggested by the Administration Committee of the A. L. A.

During the sessions of legislatures now in progress, legislation is likely to be enacted in a number of states creating library commissions. Among the states where bills for this purpose are now pending, or are proposed, may be mentioned North Dakota, Texas, Tennessee, North Carolina, Illinois and Missouri. In Texas a systematic campaign has been inaugurated and copies of a tentative bill, based on the provisions found in the state commission laws of the middle west, have been widely distributed. In North Dakota the proposed bill makes provision for traveling libraries, field organization and a legislative reference bureau. In Illinois a number of plans are under consideration, but no agreement has as yet been reached. A bill is to be introduced in the Minnesota Legislature adding to the duties of the public library commission by the establishment of a legislative reference department, based on the Wisconsin plan.

Committees of the Wisconsin Senate and assembly have asked the Wisconsin Free Library Commission to greatly increase the

scope of the legislative reference department maintained by such Commission. The force of employees has been doubled, and it is proposed by the Legislature to increase the annual appropriation from \$4,500 to \$12,500.

In Indiana, library extension work is divided between the Public Library Commission and the State Library. The governor of the state, in his message to the Legislature, has recommended merging these interests by the appointment of a library board under whom both the Library Commission and the State Library shall carry on their work without duplication or conflict. A bill to that effect is to be drawn and introduced as a result of an amicable arrangement between the interests represented.

The Pennsylvania Library Commission has amplified its work by the appointment of a field organizer.

Atlantic City

The eleventh annual meeting of the New Jersey Library Association and the Pennsylvania Library Club will be held at the Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, New Jersey, on March 15 and 16, 1907. As in previous years, there will be three sessions, as follows: on Friday evening, Saturday morning and Saturday evening, respectively.

Following past custom the Executive Board, the Council of the A. L. A. and the Publishing Board will hold meetings during these days. A large attendance is hoped for.

A. L. A. Booklist

The Publishing Board is receiving many requests for back numbers of the "Booklist" from those who wish to complete their files. Some of these are out of print. Will not those who have no use for the following numbers kindly send them to 34 Newbury Street, Boston, so that these demands may be met?

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Vol. 2, Nos. 3, 4 and 6.

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MAN-A-MONTH VOLUNTEERS

MELVIL DEWEY

EVERY intelligent member has a distinct duty to the A. L. A. for 1907. Mr Lane in our last number urged all to read our *Bulletin* and thus keep informed of what the A. L. A. has done, is doing and is going to do. That will give you faith; but faith without works is dead. We have lived, worked and hoped for thirty years, or a full generation. Now, larger and better things are just ahead. In 1876 librarians were, like the conies, feeble folk. Our first conference was a bibliothecal John the Baptist crying in Philadelphia, and our field was in Locust street and Wissahickon. Some of us dreamed dreams and saw visions, and the wisest thought us prophets and the foolish called us cranks, but with an eye single to the highest public good, we faithfully pressed on. At the close of thirty years we should inventory results.

The small beginnings based on mustard seed faith have grown from the little shrub to a great tree and now certain fowls of the air incline to roost in its branches. Some are useful birds, but some will bear watching and a vigorous "shoo." But the best ship accumulates some barnacles and the noblest trees some fungous growths which should be lopped off.

No one questions that modern librarianship has become a world movement. It has won its place as a profession. Its national, state and local associations, training schools, state departments and commissions, liberal appropriations favoring legislation, unparalleled gifts and universal public commendation have placed it side by side with the public school system. In this wonderful work among all civil-

ized nations America is the unquestioned leader, and her work has been mostly done by the A. L. A. Its record should command heartiest support not only of its members but of the public. When we dreamed great things and those of limited vision called us crazy, we have comforted ourselves with Longfellow's Keramos, "Divine insanity of noble minds that never falters or abates, but labors and endures and waits, till all that it foresees it finds, and what it can not find, creates." We have been guided by the Fabians society's wise motto, "For the right moment you must wait most patiently as Fabius did when warring against Hannibal, though many censured his delays. But when the right moment comes you must strike hard, else your waiting will have been in vain and fruitless." We have been patient and persistent. We have worked and waited. With 1907 the right moment has come when we must strike hard. Few of those who have lived and shared in it fully realize what this quiet and steady growth has brought us. Some one farther away in time will get a better perspective. Who hath eyes so keen and strong that he has seen *when* the acorn became an oak? Thus the library movement has won its high place by slow, steady, constant growth, till we stand in awe before its almost limitless possibilities for good. Those who look deepest see more in the future than in the past. We are proud of what has been done, but we are responsible for what is to be. To whom much is given, of him much will be required. When we add new power and labor-saving machinery, our factories must turn out greater products, unless some one neglects plain duty and opportunity.

We have waited thirty years for our official *Bulletin* and for our own official home in national library headquarters. Our membership has grown twenty-fold, and yet includes not more than one in a hundred who would be keenly interested in our work, could he see it with our eyes and understand its infinite usefulness. The present duty is to enroll as many as possible of this ninety and nine, for this is the field of largest promise.

Each member will hereafter receive our bulletins, with frequent messages of progress and encouragement. They will keep his interest alive instead of letting it die down for lack of fuel or be crowded out by causes with more active promoters. Could we inspire every member with one-tenth the zeal of the men who build up commercial, industrial, political, financial or social successes, 1907 would be a red-letter year in library history.

Have we in our two thousand members one who could not with a little effort and time enlist one new member each month from now till the Asheville meeting? That would mean ten thousand members, each a center to be influenced and to influence. This is not an iridescent dream. We can attain it if each will try. For one who fails to make his quota, others will make up, if all canvass the circle of acquaintance thoroughly. We have no right to rest on our laurels or to stop our vigorous growth. The A. L. A. is like a tree, when it ceases to grow it begins to rot. Can any member claim to have the real library spirit and yet be unwilling to make this effort for a cause without a peer in educational and philanthropic promise?

Let us have an honor roll of those who really give this much-needed support in bringing to the highest efficiency these new great agencies which we have started on a small scale, but with large faith. Encourage Headquarters by sending a card saying, "Enroll me in the man-a-month volunteers." If half the men you secure are women, so much the better for the cause to which woman has contributed much more than her half. Then at Asheville let the secretary read the names for honorable discharge of those who have found at least one each month willing to join in the splendid work which has made the A. L. A. famous and is destined to carry its banner to still higher peaks of achievement.

Notes from Headquarters

The first issue of the *Bulletin of the American library association* carried an appeal to its membership asking that time be given to its complete and careful reading. It was hoped that even those whose habit it is to either destroy or lay aside a circular would at least give the time to reading the initial number of an official periodical of *their own* association.

Membership within an association carries with it certain obligations and duties. An important one is the keeping in touch with what the administration of such an association is trying to do for the benefit of its members. Many evidences, unfortunately, have reached Headquarters that the appeal for careful reading has been ignored, several members having written that they had no time for reading bulletins, circulars and literature of like description. Are not our members willing to hold up the hands of the officers to whom they have consigned the administration of their affairs?

The effort to secure payment of the annual dues without incurring the expense of additional printing and increased postage has met with a good measure of success. Two members, when sending their dues, have criticized this innovation as being unbusiness-like and undignified. Many, however, have given their unqualified and hearty approval to this effort to minimize the expenses of the Association. It is hoped that the majority of the members have the welfare of the Association so much at heart that they will be willing to

support its officers in their efforts to manage its affairs economically and with prudence. Those, therefore, who have not as yet sent in their annual dues are again asked to forward a money order or draft on either New York or Boston to the order of the American Library Association for \$2.00, if for an individual, or for \$5.00, if in payment of a library membership, addressed to the A. L. A., No 34 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. Kindly attend to this *at once*, so that your name may be on the mailing list to receive further issues of the *Bulletin*, conference announcements and other A. L. A. literature.

Museum

It is earnestly desired that all librarians, members of the A. L. A., who have not already done so, shall send to Headquarters, No 34 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass., a sample collection, *in duplicate*, of all printed matter having to do with the administration of the libraries under their charge, with notes, if necessary, for their proper understanding. These collections are asked for in duplicate to the end that it may be possible, upon request, to make up a collection to send to library schools, library commissions, library associations and clubs, and to librarians and trustees of newly-organized libraries. While it is highly important that a permanent museum of all library aids, systems and appliances shall be installed at Headquarters, it may well be conceded that a travelling collection or collections would be of more extended benefit to the library

profession generally. The same is true of the architectural plans which are being collected. These will prove to be of the greatest value to those architects, trustees and librarians who can journey to Headquarters to inspect the collection. It should be possible, however, through blue prints, tracings, photographs, or other means, to meet the constantly increasing inquiries which are reaching Headquarters from those who are not able to see the collection in its entirety. If librarians, accepting the assurance of the administration that there is urgent need for both of the above-mentioned collections, will but forward, *in duplicate*, a full collection of all their printed matter, and use their influence with trustees and architects to secure floor plans and photographs, both exterior and interior views, of their libraries, a permanent collection of inestimable value to library progress will have been brought together.

Architects, trustees and librarians, who have been either seen or written to, show a hearty willingness to furnish plans and photographs of their library buildings. It is evident that as this collection grows its value must necessarily increase, to the Association, to the visitor and to those who wish advice and suggestions sent to them.

Headquarters has received plans and photographs of about fifty library buildings, ranging in cost from \$10,000 to over \$250,000. These plans have already been of sufficient use to mark the value of such a collection and to warrant the Committee in prosecuting a vigorous campaign in adding thereto.

Much benefit has come from a collection of interior views, showing the use to which a modern children's room is put. The Committee hopes that librarians who are doing this excellent and highly valuable educational work will contribute such photographs. They are equally anxious to secure plans and photographs of the modern branch library building. By the time this issue of the *Bulletin* reaches its readers, the Committee hopes to be in a position to say that it has in its possession full plans of every branch

building connected with the library system of Brooklyn.

It hopes that other large cities, like New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and St. Louis will follow the good example which Brooklyn has set them.

A serious problem which now confronts the Committee is that of determining the best method of housing this rapidly accumulating collection. Plans reach Headquarters in many different sizes, some so large as to be unwieldy for practical use. Again, their value is too great to warrant frequent handling, entailing serious damage. It has been suggested that they be photographed down to a standard size and that these photographs be used for daily reference, recourse to the originals being had only when details, not brought out with sufficient clearness in the photographs, need to be studied. With the negatives of such photographs in hand, prints could be made from time to time.

Suggestions, looking to a solution of this question, are solicited from such members as may have had experience in housing similar collections.

Plans of every library are wanted, be they old or modern, small or large, proprietary or public, special or university. It is hoped that librarians will take this request seriously, and give their hearty co-operation to this important work which is being undertaken by the committees on Headquarters and Architectural plans.

Membership

Members of the A. L. A. will, within a short time, receive a statement, signed by every member of the Executive Board, calling attention to the great need of concerted action looking to a marked increase in our membership. It requires but an earnest effort on the part of members to bring about a result which shall place the Association upon such a financial basis as shall make possible a wide extension of its activities and a general strengthening of its influence all along the line.

It rests with our membership to decide whether the Association shall retrograde or leap ahead into an even more prominent position in the educational world than it now holds. The one hundred thousand men and women who are to-day employed in library work within the United States should be easily able to guarantee that yearly income which would enable the Association to so greatly enlarge the sphere of its influence.

Asheville Conference

The Travel Committee desires to announce that Mr Charles H. Brown, of the John Crerar Library, Chicago, Illinois, has been added to its membership. Members intending journeying from the West should correspond with him.

The Committee finds it impossible to give at this time any definite information as to transportation rates to Asheville, where the annual conference of the A. L. A. will be held on May 23-29.

The reason for this is due to the fact that the railroads have found it necessary to defer action owing to many complications arising from proposed legislation and the Jamestown Exposition.

Realizing, however, that members of the A. L. A. are anxious to receive some information, even though approximate only, as to what the expense of attending the conference will be, the Committee has prepared the following table showing probable cost from various points of departure, the figures in each case covering transportation charges to Asheville and return, including Pullman accommodations and six days at the Battery Park Hotel, the basis being two in a room, without bath. Those desiring a room to themselves, without bath, should add \$1.00 per day to totals given below; while those who may wish a bath in connection with either a single or a double room should add \$2.00 per day. Accommodations may be had in smaller hotels and boarding houses at prices less than those contracted for at the Battery Park Hotel. For such accommodations de-

duct \$1.00 per day each, two in a room, from the tabulated totals.

From Albany (via New York City) .	\$62.50
" Atlanta	35.00
" Baltimore	47.50
" Boston	65.00
" Buffalo	55.00
" Chicago	55.00
" Cincinnati	45.00
" Cleveland	52.50
" Denver (not via Washington) .	100.00
" Milwaukee	60.00
" Minneapolis	80.00
" New Orleans	55.00
" New York	55.00
" Philadelphia	50.00
" Pittsburgh	52.50
" St. Louis	55.00
" Washington	45.00

The above estimates are believed to exceed actual cost, the Committee feeling it to be wiser to err on that side. Meals *en route* to and from Asheville are not included within the above totals. The smaller hotels and boarding houses, above referred to, are near the Battery Park Hotel and may be depended on, so the Committee is assured by the local committee, to furnish good rooms and satisfactory board.

By a ruling of the railroads which may, however, be modified later, members of the Association who reach Asheville by the way of Washington may travel from Asheville on their way home, depositing their tickets and fifty cents with the railroad in that city and make a side trip to Jamestown. The trip from Washington to Norfolk and return, by boat, would cost approximately \$7.50, including berth on boat, but not meals. Hotel accommodations in Norfolk or at Jamestown will be not less than \$3.00 per day. Members reaching Asheville from the West and South would be obliged to return to Asheville to have their tickets validated. The round trip from Asheville to Jamestown, including Pullman accommodations, would cost approximately \$25.00, not including meals *en route*. The trip to Toxaway and return to Asheville, including a stay of four days at Toxaway, will cost about \$20.00. It is hoped

that personally conducted trips to both Toxaway and Jamestown may be arranged for later. It is entirely impossible at this time to give any more detailed information to members than that given above.

The Committee regrets that it is impossible to give members that fully detailed information regarding the coming conference that it has been able to in past years. The facts above stated will serve to acquaint members with an approximate estimate, and furnish them with a knowledge of the situation which makes any fuller information impossible.

Asheville is located in the beautiful mountain section of North Carolina. The location of the Battery Park Hotel could not be excelled. Situated on high land it offers views from its piazzas across the valley to a series of mountains behind which the setting sun produces most beautiful evening effects. The local committee has plans well in hand for the entertainment of the Association, including a visit to Biltmore, the far-famed and extensive estate of Mr George W. Vanderbilt. The roads are perfect for both riding and driving, while the wooded hills furnish constant temptation for those strolls which members of the A. L. A. so delight to indulge in. The nights are invariably cool and the mosquito is an unknown quantity. A post-conference trip to Lake Toxaway is proposed, those desiring to join therein to leave Asheville immediately after the conference, remaining at the Toxaway Inn until Monday, June 2, when a return will be had to Asheville, whence members will disperse, some for home, others to Jamestown to view the Exposition. Toxaway, in the very center of the beautiful Sapphire country, offers attractions which will at once appeal to such members as are given to mountain climbing, wooded walks, horseback riding and driving. The beautiful lake offers constant temptation, too, to those who enjoy rowing or being rowed.

Wishing to form some idea of the probable number of those who intend participating in

the conference of 1907, the Travel Committee asks that each member who intends to go to Asheville shall, *at once*, signify such intention by addressing the Travel Committee at No 34 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. Be kind enough to state whether a single or double room is desired, with or without a bath. If with some other member, kindly state preference as to room-mate, making sure that such room-mate sends in a similar application for room reservation.

As the accommodations in the Battery Park Hotel are somewhat limited, the Travel Committee will assign rooms in order of application. To this rule the Committee will adhere strictly. The rooming will be done by the Committee in connection with the proprietor of the hotel. The proprietor will assign no rooms at the reduced rates without the approval of the Committee. Send in your application now.

There will be nothing binding in such an application until the Committee asks you later to ratify it. Do not, however, send in an application unless you feel reasonably sure that you will attend the conference. Pay your annual dues now so that you may keep in touch, through the columns of the *Bulletin*, with all details concerning the coming conference in this beautiful mountain country of our hospitable Southern friends.

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Executive Board Announcements

Atlantic City Meeting

A meeting of the Executive Board of the American Library Association is called at the Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, N. J., Friday evening, March 15, 1907, at 8 o'clock, and a meeting of the Council at the same place Saturday afternoon, March 16, at 3 o'clock.

Commercial Round Table

One of the round tables in connection with the Asheville meeting will be in charge of the Committee on Library Administration, and will be devoted to commercial exhibits and a presentation of commercial devices and enterprises by the people concerned. The time available will be divided equally between such persons as request an opportunity to be heard, and the meeting will be held at a time which will not conflict with other sessions. Those wishing for time at this meeting will kindly apply to the Secretary of the American Library Association, State Library, Albany, N. Y.

J. I. WYER, JR., *Sec'y*

A. L. A. Publishing Board

Booklist

The free distribution of the *A. L. A. booklist* to members of the Association having been discontinued, a few words of explanation are due, in order that members may understand the reasons which have influenced the Publishing Board in coming to this decision. In the autumn of 1905 the Executive Board of the Association requested the Publishing Board to send the *Booklist* free to all members of the Association, offering to reimburse the Publishing Board for the actual cost of distribution—an expense amounting to about one-half cent per copy. The Publishing Board was glad to accede to this request, because it had long believed that the Association should have a regular means of communication with its members, and the *Booklist*, which at that time contained official notices of various kinds, was the only medium of such communication then in sight. It was recognized, however, that a free distribution of the *Booklist* to all members of the Association would materially diminish the number of subscriptions received, inasmuch as the larger number of subscribers would naturally be found among the members of the Association. The Board would, therefore, receive for many copies circu-

lated, instead of the full subscription price of fifty cents each year (now \$1.00 a year), only about four cents a year (one-half cent apiece for eight numbers, as stated above).

The Publishing Board expects to provide the entire expense of editorial work and preparation from the income of the Carnegie Fund, but it intends that the proceeds from subscriptions and from the sales in bulk to library commissions shall cover the expenses of manufacture and distribution. It was found, however, that in the year 1906 these expenses considerably exceeded the sum received from subscriptions and sales, and the Board was compelled to revise its scale of prices. In doing so it proposed to the Executive Board that the payment for the copies sent to members should be proportional to the total expense of manufacture, instead of representing simply the additional cost of manufacturing and distributing extra copies; that is to say, that the price charged should be about the same as that charged to the library commissions. To this, the Executive Board demurred, since it would have involved the payment on its part of about \$400 (on the basis of two thousand members).

At the same time, a proposition was made to issue at regular intervals a bulletin devoted entirely to notices and information in regard to Association affairs, and thus constituting the long-desired regular means of communication. The Publishing Board welcomed this plan, both because it believed that such a publication was needed, and because it would relieve the *Booklist* of official matter which had come to occupy a larger space than was anticipated and seriously to increase the cost of composition. The *Booklist* being in this way confined to its original primary purpose—an aid in the selection of books—there seemed to be no longer any good reason for distributing it free to members of the Association, since none of the other publications of the Board have been so distributed. In fact, it had become evident that, so far as the *Booklist* itself was concerned, there were valid objections to

such free distribution. Not only had there been a natural decrease in the number of subscriptions, as had been anticipated, but it was found that many persons were receiving the *Booklist* to whom it was of no particular use. The *Booklist*, without official notices, is simply a tool of trade, of value mainly to the smaller libraries and to certain persons on the staff of larger libraries, yet it was being given a much wider circulation on the basis of membership in the Association. Moreover, for a necessary tool of trade the employee of a library should depend on the library, not on private expenditure.

Inquiry was made of about twenty-five representative librarians as to the comparative desirability of receiving the *Booklist* free or receiving a bulletin which could give fuller information in regard to Association affairs, and the replies, which in many cases voiced the general opinion of a library staff, were almost unanimous in favor of substituting a bulletin for the *Booklist*. The waste involved in the free distribution of the *Booklist* was generally recognized. To the Publishing Board, therefore, it became perfectly clear that, on the establishment of the *Bulletin*, the free distribution of the *Booklist* should be discontinued; but it recognized that an exception should be made in the case of library members, and this for three reasons: 1 library members pay a larger fee and should be entitled to something additional; 2 one copy of the *Booklist* at least will presumably be useful in every library; 3 the A. L. A. desires to increase its library memberships, and the receipt of the *Booklist* will be an additional inducement to libraries, an inducement which will be still further strengthened if the Association decides to publish its proceedings itself and distribute them to members only.

So far, scarcely any objections have been heard, and the subscription list of the *Booklist* has been substantially increased. The Board therefore hopes that its decision will, on the whole, approve itself to members of the Association.

Facts for Consideration

Twenty years ago (1886) in Milwaukee an A. L. A. Publishing Section was organized on a basis similar to that of many publishing societies, with a subscribing membership, each member to receive annual publications in return for the payment of his annual dues. This organization was an outgrowth of the work of the Cooperation committee, and took final shape at this time as the result of a letter of Mr W. I. Fletcher to the *Nation* which called attention to the great expense involved in the repeated duplication of work by libraries and to the advantage to be gained by cooperation.

After a few years trial it was found that the "publishing society" plan did not correspond with actual needs and conditions, and the Publishing Board was established in 1900 to continue the work of the Section. The Board is essentially a committee of the Association, to which is entrusted the direction and development of its publishing affairs. Financially it is entirely distinct from the Association, but has been indebted to it from time to time for grants of money. At present its main support is the Carnegie Endowment Fund of \$100,000. Its object has been from the beginning "to secure the preparation and publication of catalogs, indexes, and other bibliographic and library aids."

The original members of the Board were Messrs Fletcher, Dewey, Bowker, C. A. Cutter, Lane, and S. S. Green. During twenty years Messrs Dewey and Lane have served continuously (Mr Lane as Treasurer from 1886 to 1904). Mr Fletcher served until 1905. Mr Bowker was a member for two periods, of three and nine years. Mr George Hes was a member from 1893 to 1900, and devoted to the Board's affairs an unflagging interest and substantial pecuniary support.

The publications already issued and those proposed, but not yet executed, fall into three classes: 1 those which might be called tools of trade, forming two groups, one for

the reference department, the other for the cataloger; 2 those pertaining to selection of books; 3, the last to be developed, publications for instruction.

To the reference group of the first class belong the *A. L. A. index to general literature*, and the *Index to portraits*. The former was first proposed by Dr Poole in the preface to the 1882 edition of his *Index to periodical literature*. This was one of the first publications undertaken by the Board, and is now in its second and much enlarged edition.

That an index to portraits should be compiled was one of the early suggestions, but no beginning was made for nearly ten years, and now after ten years of preparation, the *A. L. A. index to portraits* has just been published by the Library of Congress.

The aids for catalogers are of two kinds, one to help them do their work, the other to do it for them. The *A. L. A. catalog rules* and the *List of subject headings for use in dictionary catalogs* represent one, while the printed catalog cards represent the other.

As early as 1853 at the first meeting of librarians, attention was called to the waste in cataloging methods, each library doing for itself what might be done once for all. The problem has been constantly studied, but not till 1896 did the Board make any efforts at all approaching success. At that time the Board undertook to issue catalog cards for current books, a work which had been begun by the Library Bureau in 1893. The Board tried every means in its power to make this work of real help to libraries, but lack of support by libraries, and lack of necessary capital were serious drawbacks. The work however continued until 1901, when it was transferred to the Library of Congress.

To provide for the analytical work which many libraries are unable to do for themselves, the Board issues cards for a large number of serial publications, and miscellaneous sets. More than two million cards have been distributed among the libraries of America and Europe.

In these days of constantly increasing book production the selection of those books which the library is to buy, or the reader to read, is no small task. In the work done by the Board in this direction, annotation has played an important part. A critical or descriptive note is a great help, and when the element of comparison with other works is added, evaluation reaches its full usefulness. The *A. L. A. catalog* represents the largest attempt of this kind. The *Catalog of the A. L. A. library* of 5000 volumes, published in 1893, and distributed free by the Government, had been of assistance to new libraries in making first purchases, and to older ones in filling gaps. The *A. L. A. catalog* of 8000 volumes, published in 1904, brings together the best books on different subjects, and supplants the earlier catalog. To keep this constantly renewed, the *A. L. A. booklist* is issued eight times a year, listing and annotating the best books from month to month.

The *List of books for girls and women* was edited for the Board by Mr George Iles to illustrate the usefulness of annotation. It covers a wide range of subjects. Miss Kroeger's *Guide to the study and use of reference books* was compiled primarily for the use of students in library and normal schools in order to familiarize them with the working tools of a library. Mr Ernest Savage, in his recent book on annotation says that Miss Kroeger has reached the high water mark in annotation in America.

Aids for the selection of books on special subjects have been confined to the *Bibliography of fine art* by Russell Sturgis and E. H. Krehbiel, and the *Literature of American history* edited by J. N. Larned. For the preparation of these books, and also for work on the *Books for girls and women*, Mr Iles secured the aid of specialists, and generously paid the cost of manufacture as well.

Mr W. D. Johnston has selected and annotated titles on English history, while Mr P. P. Wells has continued the annota-

tions of new titles on American history, thus keeping the Larned volume up to date.

Special classes of people have not been forgotten in the preparation of aids. The children have had the first and most continuous consideration. To guide their reading have been issued Sargent's *Reading for the young*, and Hewins' *Books for boys and girls* in two independent editions. Another list of similar character is now being prepared by the Carnegie library in Pittsburgh.

Foreigners have been the latest class to be helped. The brief *List of French fiction* issued some years ago, was intended rather for English speaking people who wished to read French. Lists are now in preparation, intended to help the foreign people among us to learn of American history and customs through their own language, as well as to guide them in finding the best in their own literature.

The books already mentioned have been of use to the individuals and libraries who knew in a measure what they wished to accomplish. But there are many communities untouched by the library, and for these a series of tracts and handbooks are being issued, pointing out why a public library is needed, and how to start it, and giving information about buildings and furnishings, administration of libraries, cataloging, etc.

A new edition of the *List of subject headings*, and a code of *A. L. A. catalog rules* prepared by a committee of the A. L. A. are the next important publications to be issued.

The Publishing Board has a wide field of work, and one capable of almost infinite extension, as the Board secures additional means for publication and learns by experience how to provide most efficiently the tools which libraries need.

A large part of its present financial support the Board owes to Mr Carnegie's endowment of \$100,000, the income of which is at its disposal for preparation of library aids. This gift was a logical supplement to Mr Carnegie's other great gifts for the pro-

motion of libraries. Library buildings are useless unless well stocked with books and wisely administered. An endowment which supports the publication of useful library guides and manuals, thereby facilitates the administration of libraries and is of direct value to every library founded.

But the Board cannot do its best work without the support and cooperation of libraries themselves, in suggesting work to be done, helping in the preparation of lists and other aids, and using what the Board publishes. The Board does not aim to make money, its prime object being service, but it does try to make its sales pay for at least the cost of manufacture of its publications.

Will you not see that your library and its trustees do their share towards helping others by supporting the work of the Publishing Board?

Book-binding Committee

Points Worth Remembering in Rebinding Fiction and Juvenile Books

1 It is generally not advisable to mend books in the original publisher's binding. Loose leaves or illustrations may be tipped in if the work is carefully done, but no attempt should be made to fix loose signatures, and on no account should paste be put on the back of the book. If this is done it will be impossible to have the book rebound so that it will wear well. The life of the book is really shortened by such false economy. If the book is broken at the joint even to a very small extent, send at once to be rebound.

2 Do not resew and put back in publisher's covers. If the book is properly sewed and backed it will be too large for the original covers. It also makes it impossible to rebind, so that the book will wear well. If properly rebound the first time the book goes to the bindery, it will circulate as many times as if it had been recased and then rebound, and the expense will be less.

3 Do not wait till the book falls apart before sending to the bindery. As soon as a book becomes a trifle shaky in the

covers, send to the bindery. Further wear injures the backs of each signature, and makes it impossible to rebind without whipstitching. A whipstitched book does not open as readily as one sewed on tapes. In order to sew on tapes or bands the signatures must be whole. Many librarians make a book circulate in the original publisher's binding until it is practically worn out, and then blame the binders because the book does not wear well when rebound. No binder can do good work when the book has been allowed to circulate many times after it has become shaky in the covers. The life of the book will be greatly increased if care is taken in this respect.

4 The first and last signatures, which receive the most wear, and which in most rebound books give way first, should be guarded with muslin. End papers should also be guarded with muslin.

5 All torn leaves should be carefully mended. Always use paste, never use glue or mucilage for this kind of work. All illustrations should be guarded and folded around the signature. If tipped in, as is customary, they usually come out.

6 Sew on tapes, using three at least. It is sometimes difficult to get binders to use tapes instead of bands, but tapes should be insisted on. The tapes or strings should, of course, be cased in. If a book has to be whipstitched, of course bands must be used. All books should be sewed "all along."

7 Books should be trimmed as little as possible.

8 Leather backs should be used; preferably American cow hide. If good roan can be obtained, it will last as well as the cow hide. When specifying cow hide be sure that the binder does not use buffing, which is a split cow hide and much inferior. Books bound in art vellum, buckram or other book cloths become shaky sooner than those bound in leather. Moreover, if a light-colored cloth is used, so that the backs may be lettered in ink, they become much soiled, and the lettering eventually is practically

obliterated. Gold lettering on dark-colored cloths also becomes obliterated. A leather-backed book, if properly bound, wears longer, holds the lettering better, and looks well on the shelves even when ready to be withdrawn from circulation. If it is thought best to use cloth, imperial morocco cloth is perhaps the best.

9 Binders should be cautioned against using too much glue. A book which crackles, or, as one binder puts it, "grits its teeth" when opened, has not had the superfluous glue removed in forwarding. Some binders have had good results in using flexible or rubber glue. It is not necessary, however, and ordinary glue if used properly will do just as well.

10 Most binders use a super for fastening the book into the covers. This is generally very coarse, and will not wear. Insist on his using a stronger material. A muslin of suitable weight or canton flannel will be found satisfactory.

11 Lettering on the back should consist of author, short title, and call number. Some librarians also stamp a mark of ownership at the bottom of the book. Most binders will give a price per volume which will include all lettering.

McClure, Phillips & Co. have agreed to bind at least 500 copies of Hill's *The Pettison twins* in a special binding for the use of libraries. This book will be included in the *A. L. A. booklist*, and all libraries are urged to order this edition through their regular agents in preference to the regular edition. The price to libraries will be \$1.10.

The Congressional Committee on Printing is trying to get from librarians an expression of opinion regarding the material to be used in binding Government documents. According to law, leather-bound sets must be bound in sheep. Librarians who have the sheep-bound set in their libraries should write at once to Charles B. Landis, of the House of Representatives, protesting against the further use of sheep in binding Government documents.

The publishers have agreed to bind the following books in a special library edition:
Brainerd — *Bettina*. Doubleday, Page & Co.

De la Pasture — *Lonely lady of Grosvenor square*. Dutton.

Locke — *The beloved vagabond*. Lane.

Mott — *The white darkness*. Outing.

Bindloss — *The dust of conflict*. Stokes.

In ordering these books through regular agents care should be taken that the special library edition is specified. The extra cost of these books will in no case be more than ten cents.

A. L. BAILEY,

Institute Free Library, Wilmington, Del.

W. P. CUTTER,

Forbes Library, Northampton, Mass.

Dr G. E. WIRE,

Worcester County Law Library, Worcester, Mass.

League of Library Commissions

Nine library commissions and state libraries having departments engaged in library extension work issue bulletins of information and news. Most of these appear at quarterly intervals, one is a bi-monthly, and a few are issued at irregular periods. The bulletins comprise the following:

News notes of California libraries, issued by the California State Library. Monthly. Began publication May, 1906.

Library Occurrent, issued by the Public Library Commission of Indiana. Began publication April, 1906.

Indiana State library monthly bulletin, issued monthly by the Indiana State Library. Began publication May, 1905.

Bulletin of the Iowa library commission, issued quarterly by the Iowa Library Commission. Began publication January, 1902, as a bulletin issued by Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and later issued as a bulletin of the Iowa Commission.

Library notes and news, issued at irregular intervals by the Minnesota State Library Commission. Began publication December, 1904.

Nebraska library bulletin, issued at irregular intervals by the Nebraska Public Library Commission. Began publication February, 1906.

Bulletin of the New Hampshire public libraries, issued quarterly by the Trustees of the State Library. Began publication in 1901.

Bulletin of the Vermont library commission, issued quarterly by the Vermont Library Commission. Began publication March, 1905.

Washington library association bulletin, issued quarterly by the Washington Library Association. Began publication April, 1905.

Wisconsin library bulletin, issued bi-monthly by the Wisconsin Free Library Commission. Began publication January, 1905.

Committee on Public Documents

The Committee makes the announcement that two hours of the *fourth general session* at the Asheville Conference will be given over to the consideration of the public document question. Among the speakers will be the Public Printer and the Superintendent of Documents.

This feature of the program has been arranged solely that librarians, and especially those of depository libraries, may have the opportunity of meeting the authorities in charge of the printing and distribution of public documents.

This is the first time such an opportunity will have been provided, and all depository libraries, in particular, that can possibly do so are urged to avail themselves of it. The Committee will welcome suggestions.

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YOUR PERSONAL DUTY

THE members of the Committee on Headquarters of the American Library Association present this appeal to its membership.

For many years the Association worked only through annual conferences and unpaid committees. In 1906 it was deemed necessary, in order to give effective aid and unity to the work of local associations, to establish national headquarters, with a permanent staff.

These headquarters, opened in September, 1906, have already begun to do excellent work, and have demonstrated their usefulness.

To continue the enlarged work thus opened, it is necessary to have an increase of income. The Publishing Board has the Carnegie Fund, but its deed of gift prohibits the Board from using either the principal or the interest for the administrative purposes of the Association. With the exception of the old Endowment Fund, amounting to about \$6,500.00, the interest of which is small, the Association can rely for income on membership dues only. The income from this source at the present time is not sufficiently large to maintain and properly develop work through Headquarters. The only way to increase our income is for every member to do earnest missionary work.

Every librarian, assistant and trustee, whether now enrolled in a local association or not, ought to be a member of the American Library Association, even though he cannot attend conferences. His fellowship will help the cause, his small annual payment will sustain national work, and his membership will entitle him to advice and aid in his professional problems. We ask each of our members to earnestly present this view to all the librarians and trustees he meets, at once, thus aiding in an enlargement of our membership.

Each librarian, too, should with earnestness place before his trustees his strong advocacy of our desire to increase library membership. Until now the library

membership fee of \$5.00 was in the nature of a gratuity, many trustees thinking that they could not lawfully vote the money from public funds. This year, however, a *quid pro quo* is provided.

The reply has often been made when libraries have been approached to join the Association that they were already receiving the volume of *Proceedings* through their subscription to the *Library Journal*, and that one or more free copies of the *Booklist* was reaching members of their staff through membership in the A. L. A. It is now proposed that libraries which join the Association, paying an annual fee of \$5.00, shall receive in return free copies of the *Booklist*, the *Bulletin* and the *Proceedings*, and that neither the *Proceedings* nor the *Bulletin* shall be distributed to those who are not members of the Association. This places the trustees of a library in the position where they can rightfully and lawfully appropriate \$5.00 a year in payment of helpful literature which they receive.

We appeal, therefore, to each member of the American Library Association to make every effort towards a largely increased membership, a closer fellowship among the library workers throughout the country and an increase of income which will enable the Association to be of greater service to its membership and to the general library movement of the United States.

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THE ASHEVILLE CONFERENCE

Program Committee

The twenty-ninth annual conference of the American Library Association will be held at Asheville, N. C., from Thursday, May 23, to Wednesday, May 29, inclusive. The Association has been glad to accept the invitation of our Southern members and friends, in the hope that the meeting may be as helpful to them as they expect, and in the certainty that their cordial welcome and the natural attractions of the country cannot fail to make it most pleasant to all.

The program has been based upon two or three leading principles. Believing that the greatest benefit is derived from the informal discussions of the meetings of the affiliated societies, sections and round tables, liberal provision has been made for these, and the general sessions have been limited to five, one each morning. At these general sessions there are to be two chief topics. The first is a review of the Southern library movement since the Atlanta Conference in 1899. A general paper on the subject will be followed by a series of shorter papers presenting the special conditions of each state. The other chief topic is the use of books. This will be discussed in a series of papers on the special points for different classes, both of books and of readers. Among the former may be mentioned

bibliography, law, medicine, history, science, art and fiction; among the latter, books for the blind, for teachers and for children. As an introduction the Association is to have the pleasure and profit of an address from Professor William B. Trent of Columbia University.

Two or three other features may be noted. Each of the affiliated societies has undertaken to furnish a paper for the general program, and one, the National Association of State Libraries, will meet in joint session. Another is the assignment of half a session to the Committee on Public Documents for a report, an address from the Superintendent of Documents, and discussion. Still another is the arrangement for a "Commercial Round Table," at which those interested in library and bibliographical aids, devices and methods may call to the attention of members matters which from their nature could not be placed upon the general program.

The Committee hope that the Conference thus outlined, by its emphasis of principles in the general sessions and the ample opportunities for the discussion of details in the sectional meetings, will offer something of interest to all members, that all who can will attend, and that none will regret doing so.

Tentative Program

Friday, May 24

9.30 A.M. First general session.

President's address — C. W. Andrews, Librarian The John Crerar Library, Chicago.

Address — Prof. W. P. Trent, Columbia University.

Report of Council and Executive Board.

Reports of officers:

Secretary — J. I. Wyer, Jr.

Treasurer — George F. Bowerman.

Trustees of Endowment Fund — C. C. Soule.

Reports of Committees:

Finance — C. H. Hastings, Title, Chairman.

Conduct of Headquarters — D. P. Corey, Chairman.

Catalog Rules — J. C. M. Hanson, Chairman.

Address — J. N. Larned, Ex-president American Library Association.

Paper — "The Use of Bibliography," Andrew Keogh, Reference Librarian Yale University Library.

2.30 P.M. National Association of State Libraries.

First session. James L. Gillis, California, President.

Catalog section. First session. William Warner Bishop, Reference Librarian Princeton University, Chairman.

Discussion of the Report of the A. L. A. Committee on Catalog Rules, referred by the General Association to the Catalog section. Anderson H. Hopkins, Librarian Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, will open the discussion.

Outline: (1) Brief survey of the work of the Committee since its organization in 1901. (2) Relations to the British Catalog Rules Revision Committee. Discussions since March, 1905, on the basis of the draft codes issued by the respective committees, viz.: *A. L. A. rules*, advance edition, issued in 1902 by the American Committee; *Draft code. Rules for an author and title catalog*, issued by the British Committee in 1904. (3) Summary of rules on which the committees have come to a full agreement. (4) Rules on which final agreement has not been reached. (5) Present state of the A. L. A. rules.

New York State Librarian School Association. Annual reunion and business meeting.

8.15 P.M. College and reference section.

First session. Theodore W. Koch, Librarian University of Michigan, Chairman.

Trustees' section — W. T. Porter, Trustee of the Public Library, Cincinnati, Ohio, Chairman.

“Some Trustees” — D. P. Corey, President Public Library, Malden, Mass.

“Branch Libraries, with Suggestions to Trustees” — W. H. Brett, Librarian Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio.

League of Library Commissions. First session. Alice S. Tyler, Secretary of the Iowa Library Commission, President.

Saturday, May 25

9.30 A.M. Second general session.

Reports of Committees:

Library Architecture — C. R. Dudley, Librarian Denver Public Library, Chairman.

Book-buying — A. E. Bostwick, Chief of Circulation Department, New York Public Library, Chairman.

International Relations — E. C. Richardson, Librarian Princeton University, Chairman.

Book-bindings and Book-papers — A. L. Bailey, Librarian Wilmington (Del.) Institute Free Library, Chairman.

Library Training — Mary W. Plummer, Director Pratt Institute Library School, Chairman.

Library Post — J. H. Canfield, Librarian Columbia University, Chairman.

The Southern Library Movement — Papers by Anne Wallace, Mary Hannah Johnson, William Beer, W. F. Yust, P. L. Windsor, and others.

“San Francisco Libraries after the Fire” — J. L. Gillis, State Librarian, California.

8.15 P.M. Commercial Round Table.

In charge of the A. L. A. Committee on Library Administration.

John R. Anderson Co.

University of Chicago Press.

Library Bureau.

8.30 P.M. Bibliographical Society of America.

First session.

Address — William C. Lane, Librarian Harvard University, President.

Reports of the Council, Secretary, Treasurer, Committees on Incunabula, Americana,

Colonial Newspapers, Colonial Laws, International Catalog, Bulletin of the Society.

The First Presses of the Southern States:

Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama, by Dr Thomas M. Owen, Director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History; North Carolina, by Dr Stephen B. Weeks (to be read by title); South Carolina, by A. S. Salley, Jr, Secretary of the South Carolina Historical Commission; Tennessee, by Edwin Wiley, Library of Congress.

Monday, May 27

9.30 A.M. Third general session.

Reports of Committees.

Cooperation with the National Educational Association — Mary E. Ahern, Editor *Public Libraries*, Chairman.

Title Pages to Periodicals — W. I. Fletcher, Librarian, Amherst College, Chairman.

Social Education Congress — H. G. Wadlin, Librarian, Boston Public Library, Chairman.

Paper — F. B. Gilbert, for the American Association of Law Libraries.

Paper — “The Public Library, — an Old Term with a New Meaning,” H. E. Legler, for the League of Library Commissions.

Joint Session with the National Association of State Libraries; James L. Gillis in the chair.

Paper — T. M. Owen, Director Alabama Dept. of Archives and History, and others.

2.30 P.M. League of Library Commissions. Second session.

Bibliographical Society of America. Second session.

The Bibliographical Work of State Libraries.

Discussion opened by J. L. Gillis, President of the National Association of State Librarians, and California State Librarian; T. L. Montgomery, Pennsylvania State Librarian; and G. S. Godard, Connecticut State Librarian.

A Handbook of Special Collections in American Libraries.

Discussion opened by the President of the Society, joint author with C. K. Bolton of "Notes on Special Collections in American Libraries," Cambridge, 1892; C. W. Andrews, Librarian of the John Crerar Library, Chicago; N. D. C. Hodges, Librarian of the Cincinnati Public Library; and Dr E. C. Richardson, Librarian of Princeton University.

Children's Librarians' Section. Alice M. Jordan, Custodian Children's Department, Boston Public Library, Chairman.

8.15 P.M. American Association of Law Libraries.

First session. A. J. Small, Curator, Law Department, Iowa State Library, President.

Tuesday, May 28

9.30 A.M. Fourth general session.

The Use of Books.

Art—Katharine Patten, Librarian Minneapolis (Minn.) Athenæum.

Natural Sciences—Dr E. J. Nolan, Librarian Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia.

Useful Arts—C. J. Barr, Assistant Librarian, The John Crerar Library, Chicago.

Technology—G. W. Lee, Research Librarian, Stone & Webster, Boston.

Patents—Captain Howard A. Prince, U. S. Patent Office.

Report of Committee on Public Documents.

Discussion led by C. A. Stillings, Public Printer, and William L. Post, Superintendent of Documents.

2.30 P.M. College and reference section. Second session.

National Association of State Libraries. Second session.

8.15 P.M. American Association of Law Libraries. Second session.

Catalog section. Second session.

Round table devoted to the cataloging and recataloging of small libraries.

Harriet B. Gooch, Chief of Catalog Division, Louisville (Ky.) Public Library.

Julia T. Rankin, Carnegie Library, Atlanta, Ga.

Wednesday, May 29

9.30 A.M. Fifth general session.

The Use of Children's Books for the Children's Librarian's Section.

Report of Committee on Library Work with the Blind, N. D. C. Hodges, Librarian Cincinnati (Ohio) Public Library, Chairman.

Discussion opened by John Thomson, Librarian Free Library of Philadelphia.

Libraries and Free Lectures—Dr H. M. Leipziger, Supervisor, New York City.

The Use of Books.

Medical—S. H. Ranck, Librarian Public Library, Grand Rapids, Mich.

History—E. C. Richardson, Librarian Princeton University.

Fiction—A. E. Bostwick, New York Public Library.

Report from Council and Executive Board.

Report of Tellers of Election.

Introduction of president-elect.

Unfinished business.

Adjournment.

CLEMENT W. ANDREWS

Mrs S. C. FAIRCHILD

J. I. WYER, JR

Program Committee

TRAVEL COMMITTEE

An effort has been made in the following statement to anticipate any and every question which may be raised by those intending to be present at the conference.

The Travel Committee requests a careful reading of the detailed information subjoined.

Railroad Rates

The Travel Committee has at last (April 27) received from the railroads the schedule of rates made for the Asheville meeting. These are granted to members of the A. L. A., and others desiring to travel by them should join the Association. Dues \$3.00, payable either now or on arrival at Asheville.

Tickets are on sale May 20, 21, 22, and will be good returning, leaving Asheville up to and including June 12. Stop-overs returning are not allowed except at Washington and Philadelphia.

Those from points in the country not covered below should buy ticket to nearest point from which special rate is made and there purchase special ticket. Interview your ticket agent at least three days before leaving home, so that he may have proper ticket ready.

South

All members attending the meeting from points south of the Potomac and Ohio rivers, and east of the Mississippi, including Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis, can secure a round-trip ticket to Asheville for one fare, plus 25 cents, based on tariff in force Jan. 1, 1907. Ask for A. L. A. convention rate.

New England and North Atlantic States

(See also special eastern party plan, p. 8)

Those members from Buffalo, Pittsburgh and all points east thereof and north of Washington may purchase tickets on the basis of round-trip to Asheville for 1 1-3 regular fare to Washington, and one fare, plus 25 cents, thence to Asheville.

Ask for tickets on account of A. L. A. convention at Asheville. The rate for round-trip from principal eastern points will thus be as follows:

Washington	\$15.20
Philadelphia	19.75
New York City	22.75
Boston (all rail)	29.95
Albany (all rail)	26.90
Buffalo	29.40
Pittsburgh	25.90

Sleeper from New York to Asheville, \$5.00 each way.

“ “ Washington “ 3.00 “

Central West

(See also special western party plan, p. 9)

I. A. L. A. RATE. — The Central Passenger Association (territory north of Ohio river, east of and including Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis, and west of Buffalo and Pittsburgh) grants the A. L. A. a rate for round-trip to Asheville, based on 2 cents a mile flat north of Ohio river, and one fare, plus 25 cents, the rest of the way. These tickets are on sale May 20, 21, 22, and are good returning till June 12. Ask for ticket at authorized rate for A. L. A. Convention, and certificate, if necessary.

Fare from Chicago to Asheville and return	.	.	.	.	.	\$24.15
Pullman, Chicago to Asheville, each way	.	.	.	.	.	4.50
Pullman, Cincinnati to Asheville, each way	.	.	.	.	.	3.00

Important Notice to Western Members

II. JAMESTOWN RATE. — Those intending to go to the Jamestown Exposition from Asheville should *not* use the A. L. A. rate, but will find it more advantageous to use Exposition rates to Norfolk, Va., and return, which will allow stop-over during conference and post-conference at Asheville, and will also permit stop-overs within limits of the tickets as follows:

Q. & C. ROUTE. — Burgin, Burnside, Danville, Glen Mary, Greenwood, Harri-man Junction, Helenwood, Junction City, Kings Mountain, Lansing, Lexington, McKinney, Moreland, Nicholasville, Oakdale, Pineknott, Somerset, Sunbright, Winfield.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY. — Alexandria, Va., Asheville, Hot Springs, N. C., Knoxville, Morristown, Oliver Springs, Tenn.

Stop-over not exceeding ten days within final limit will be allowed at Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Pa., Boston, Mass., and New York City, in either direction, on season and sixty-day excursion tickets, by deposit of ticket, immediately on arrival, with station ticket agent of rail line, or wharf agent of steamer line, over which ticket reads from Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston or New York, who will attach standard stop-over certificate to ticket, returning same to passenger not earlier than one hour before departure of train or steamer on which journey will be resumed from Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston or New York. All Jamestown tickets must be validated at Norfolk or Old Point Comfort.

The Exposition rates from Chicago to Norfolk and return are as follows (corresponding rates from other points):

Season ticket to Norfolk and return, via Asheville	.	.	.	.	.	\$30.95
Sixty-day ticket to Norfolk and return, via Asheville	.	.	.	.	.	27.75
Fifteen-day " " " " " " " "	.	.	.	.	.	22.85
Season ticket to Norfolk via Asheville, return via steamer to Wash- ton (berth and meals extra) and any direct line to Chicago	.	.	.	.	.	30.95

Sixty-day ticket for same	\$27.75
Season ticket to Norfolk via Asheville, steamer to New York (berth included, but meals extra), or steamer to Washington (berth and meals extra) and direct line to New York, thence any standard line to Chicago	39.80
Sixty-day ticket for same	33.25
For return, via any differential line, New York to Chicago, <i>subtract</i>	1.40
For tickets to return, via Boston, <i>add</i> to above rates about	5.00

III. HOMESEEKERS' RATE. — Tickets good for thirty days, permitting stop-over in North Carolina. Members from north and west of Chicago who intend to return from Asheville without going to Jamestown should use Homeseekers' rates. Homeseekers' tickets (rate, one fare, plus \$2.00) are available from points as far north as Minneapolis and as far west as Omaha, but these tickets *require the holders to start on May 21*. They can be used advantageously only by such members as live beyond Chicago, for the difference in fare from Chicago itself, in favor of the Homeseekers' ticket (\$3.85) has not been thought to outweigh cost of additional day at hotel and the loss of time.

Special Parties

As in past years, many members prefer to travel together to and from the point of meeting. Friends of members are welcome to join these parties on payment of \$3.00.

The Travel Committee therefore announces

A special Eastern party, via Washington, to include all starting from points east of Ohio, and a special Western party, via Cincinnati, to accommodate all from central west and northwest.

EASTERN PARTY. — Notify Frederick W. Faxon, 34 Newbury St., Boston, of intention to join this party, and send deposit of \$5.00 *before May 10*. (Note, p. 9.)

Each member must buy his own railroad transportation from starting-point to Asheville and return. Ask for A. L. A. round-trip ticket, and see that it is routed over N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R. from Boston, via Harlem River transfer steamer Maryland, Pennsylvania R.R. from New York to Washington, and Southern Railway, Washington to Asheville.

ITINERARY. — May 22. Leave Boston, N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R., Colonial Express, 9 A.M., passing through Providence, New London and New Haven. Arrive Washington 9.44 P.M. Dining-car dinner and basket supper will be provided. Party will use special coach to Washington and find sleeper there. Parlor-car seats will be reserved for \$2.25 extra, if desired.

May 22. — Leave New York City, Pennsylvania R.R., 4.25 P.M., West Philadelphia 6.50 P.M., Baltimore 9.15 P.M. Arrive Washington 10.20 P.M. Special Pullman cars from New York to Asheville without change. New York and

Philadelphia passengers can purchase *a la carte* supper on dining-car. Philadelphia people should note that train does *not* run into Broad street station, but must be taken at West Philadelphia.

The combined eastern party will leave Washington about 11 P.M., via Southern Railway, by special train, arriving at Asheville May 23, not later than 2.15 P.M. Breakfast and dinner on special dining-car, thus getting by daylight the magnificent mountain views as Asheville is approached.

Rates

(Pullman and meals, exclusive of railroad tickets)

Boston or Providence to Asheville	\$6.75
New Haven	5.75
New York or Newark (does not include supper May 22)	7.00
Philadelphia (does not include supper May 22)	6.50
Baltimore	5.50
Washington	5.00

NOTE.—All desiring reservations with this Eastern party must make deposit of \$5.00 before May 10 with F. W. Faxon of Travel Committee, 34 Newbury St., Boston, and send remainder of amount due for sleeper and meals before May 18. Notice of reservation will be sent each applicant on May 15.

WESTERN PARTY.—Notify Charles H. Brown, of Travel Committee, care John Crerar Library, Chicago, at once, and deposit with him \$4.50 to secure Pullman accommodation from Chicago, or \$3.00 if from Cincinnati.

Members of this party will travel on either A. L. A. tickets, Jamestown Exposition tickets, or Homeseekers' tickets (see explanation of advantages of each under "Central West," p. 7). Be sure ticket is routed from Chicago to Cincinnati over the "Monon," from Cincinnati to Asheville (or Norfolk) over Queen & Crescent, and the Southern Railway.

ITINERARY.—May 22. Leave Chicago at noon over Monon route (Dearborn street station), reaching Cincinnati at 8.00 P.M., and leaving at 8.10 P.M. over Queen & Crescent R.R. by regular train, or special, if we have a sufficient number. Due at Asheville not later than 1.25 P.M. Pullmans from Chicago to Asheville without change.

Those who so desire may leave Chicago Tuesday night, May 21, stopping over Wednesday at Cincinnati and joining the main party Wednesday night. This will require a change of railroad stations in Cincinnati and an increase of 50 cents in Pullman fare. Meals *en route* are of course extra.

Ocean Trip

Those desiring to go from Boston, Providence, or New York by steamer to Norfolk and thence by rail to Asheville, may get particulars and rate on application to Travel Committee, or to Old Dominion Line, New York City, or Merchants & Miners Transportation Co., Boston or Providence.

Post-conference Trip, May 29 to June 7, Personally Conducted

As Toxaway Inn will not be open at this season, Hot Springs, N. C., has been determined upon for the post-conference trip. This is thirty-eight miles northwest of Asheville, and offers not only beautiful mountain scenery, situated as it is among the lofty peaks of the Southern Appalachian range, where the Blue Ridge joins the Great Smokies, but also the unique attraction of hot mineral springs. The commodious Mountain Park Hotel will be headquarters, and here large marble bathing pools have been provided, fed by the natural hot water from the springs. Many beautiful excursions may be made from this point as a base.

Leaving Hot Springs Monday, June 3, we pass through by daylight all the mountain scenery as we travel east, and arrive early Tuesday morning at Norfolk, and are soon enjoying the Jamestown Exposition. As all hotels except the Inside Inn are nearly an hour's ride from the grounds, that has been chosen as headquarters for our three-days' stay.

The trip will close with the charming excursion up Chesapeake bay and the beautiful Potomac river to Washington, where the party will break up. Many will wish to stay here some days, while others will proceed home at once.

ITINERARY

- May 29 Leave Asheville 3.20 P.M. Southern Railway.
Arrive Hot Springs 4.45 P.M.
Stay at Mountain Park Hotel May 29, afternoon, to June 3, morning.
- June 3 Leave Hot Springs 11.43 central time.
Leave Asheville. Southern Railway. 2.35 Eastern time.
- June 4 Arrive Norfolk, Va., 10 A.M.
Trolley to Exposition; 45 minutes' ride.
Stay at Inside Inn. European plan.
- June 4 Morning, to Friday, June 7, morning.
- June 7 Leave Norfolk (Norfolk & Washington S.S. Co.) 8 A.M.
Arrive Washington, D. C., 7 P.M.
Here party disbands.

Expense, \$31.25

This to be paid F. W. Faxon before May 27, includes railroad ticket, Asheville to Hot Springs and return, room (with one person) and meals, Mountain Park Hotel, transfers for passengers and baggage, sleeper to Norfolk, meals *en route*, and room at Inside Inn. In short, everything except railroad ticket, Asheville to Norfolk, and steamer ticket and meals on steamer, Norfolk to Washington, first admission to Exposition, and meals at Inside Inn.

NOTE.—Those desiring single room at Hot Springs, add \$3.00. Room with bath at Hot Springs, add \$5.00. Single room at Inside Inn, add \$3.00. Members of Eastern party holding return tickets from Asheville north via Washington, add \$8.15 for side trip to Jamestown, thence to Washington by steamer. Should any person not have railroad transportation to Norfolk on his regular ticket, the Exposition rate for round-trip from Asheville is \$15.75, limit fifteen days.

It will be necessary to notify F. W. Faxon, 34 Newbury Street, Boston, as early as possible of your intention to take this trip, which he hopes to conduct

personally. The Inside Inn requires deposit of \$5.00 to hold a room, this amount to apply toward bill, and rooms there are rapidly being booked. Immediate application is therefore very necessary. State amount of baggage to be checked, and whether trunks or handbags.

Hot Springs, N. C.

Those wishing to take the five-day Hot Springs trip only may do so with the party, at a cost of \$14.50, two in a room. For single room add \$3.00, for room with bath add \$5.00.

Jamestown Exposition

For those who wish to go direct to the Jamestown Exposition, leaving Asheville on adjournment of convention, May 29, reservation of sleeper-berth to Norfolk and room at Inside Inn for any number of days required will be made. \$5.00 deposit to secure room at Inside Inn should be sent to F. W. Faxon, 34 Newbury St., Boston, stating dates required. Single rooms, European plan, \$3.50 per day, rooms for two, \$2.50 each person per day. This party leaves Asheville May 29, 2.35 P.M., arriving at Norfolk, Va., May 30, 10 A.M.

Hotels

Applications for rooms in the Battery Park Hotel have been so numerous that it will be necessary to place late applicants in another nearby hotel, with which arrangements have been made.

It has been found impossible in a number of cases to meet the wishes of members as regards single beds. Applications have been booked in order of their receipt. The supply of single beds and cots was exhausted some time ago. A postal card will be sent to each applicant stating the arrangements that have been made, and asking for immediate confirmation as a guarantee that the member will be present. Will every one who reads this notice, whether depending upon the Travel Committee or not for hotel accommodations, kindly notify these offices so that a full advance register of those intending to be present may be prepared?

Hotel Rates to Members

Special reduced rates, including meals, have been secured at the Battery Park Hotel, as follows:—

\$2.50 each per day, two in a room, double bed.

\$2.75 each per day, two in a room, bed and cot.

(The Committee has already assigned all available rooms of this class.)

\$3.50 each per day, two in a room, double bed, with private bath.

\$3.50 per day, one in a room.

\$3.75 each per day, two in a room, bed and cot, with private bath.

(The Committee has already assigned all available rooms of this class.)

\$4.50 per day, single room with private bath.

The above rates will obtain also in the other hotels to which the overflow must be sent.

Those desiring rooms in the Battery Park and other hotels will please apply to the Travel Committee direct, addressing all communications prior to May 17 to 34 Newbury Street, Boston; after May 17 to E. C. Hovey, Battery Park Hotel, Asheville.

Boarding Houses

Accommodations can be had in boarding houses, recommended to the Travel Committee by the local committee in Asheville, at \$10.00 per week.

Those wishing accommodations in boarding houses must apply to W. F. Randolph, Secretary Board of Trade, Asheville.

Notes from Headquarters

Membership

Calling attention to the appeal, "Your Personal Duty," signed by the individual members of the Committee on Headquarters, it may be of interest to note that the Association now numbers within its membership 110 libraries, as against 34 on Dec. 31, 1905, and that our total membership is approximately 2,000, as compared with 1,253 on that same date.

An increase to a total membership of 3,500, including 500 library members, should be easy of accomplishment between now and the first day of January, 1908. Such an increase would give the Association an income sufficiently large to warrant it in continuing Headquarters and in taking up new lines of work which are constantly presenting themselves. If two hundred others will do as well as several of our members, who have added from five to ten each to our roll, the Association will be able to vigorously prosecute its mission of helpfulness.

Annual Dues

We are able to report a very satisfactory return in response to the request that members should remit their dues without awaiting the receipt of bills. Will members whose annual dues still remain unpaid kindly remit to this office before the Asheville conference, as the Treasurer is desirous of having as full returns as possible at that time?

Publicity

Arrangements have been made with the Associated Press to have its representative present. He will send out copy every day by wire, which copy will be distributed to the papers of the country. It is intended to place in the hands of the Associated Press, two weeks before the Conference, copies of every paper to be read. If such plan can be carried out the Associated Press will be able to make many copies of these papers and furnish them to the newspapers of the country to be printed, when released by those in charge. Members of the Association who intend to go to Asheville are urged to arrange with their local newspaper to act as correspondent during the conference, thus supplementing effectively the work of the Associated Press.

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CHARTER

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Be it known, that whereas Justin Winsor, C. A. Cutter, Samuel S. Green, James L. Whitney, Melvil Dui, Fred. B. Perkins and Thomas W. Bicknell, have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of the American Library Association for the purpose of promoting the library interests of the country by exchanging views, reaching conclusions, and inducing co-operation in all departments of bibliothecal science and economy; by disposing the public mind to the founding and improving of libraries; and by cultivating good will among its own members, and have complied with the provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth in such case made and provided, as appears from the certificate of the President, Treasurer, and Executive Board of said corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations, and recorded in this office:

Now, therefore, I, Henry B. Peirce Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby certify that said Justin Winsor, C. A. Cutter, Samuel S. Green, James L. Whitney, Melvil Dui, Fred. B. Perkins and Thomas W. Bicknell, their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as, and are hereby made an existing corporation under the name of the American Library Association, with the powers, rights, and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties, and restrictions, which by law appertain thereto.

Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed this tenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

(Signed)

HENRY B. PEIRCE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

(Organized Oct. 6, 1876: Incorporated Dec. 10, 1879)

This national body was organized in Philadelphia, October 6, 1876, as the immediate result of a three days' library conference held in connection with the Centennial exhibition.

Its purposes are the promotion of library interests, the interchange of experience and opinion, the obtaining of larger results from library labor and expenditure, and the advancement of the profession of librarianship.

In addition to advancing library interests generally, the A. L. A. aims:

- 1 By organization and force of numbers to effect needed reforms and improvements, most of which could not be brought about by individual effort.
- 2 By cooperation, to lessen labor and expense of library administration.
- 3 By discussion and comparison, to utilize the combined experiments and experience of the profession in perfecting plans and methods, and in solving difficulties.
- 4 By meetings and correspondence, to promote acquaintance and *esprit de corps*.

Membership and Dues

Any person or institution engaged in library work may become a member. The annual dues are Two dollars for individuals and Five dollars for institutions payable in advance on January 1st. An entrance fee of One dollar must be paid by individuals upon joining or rejoining if membership has lapsed. Any individual member may become a life member exempt from dues on payment of Twenty-five dollars.

All applications for membership and remittances for dues should be made to The American Library Association, 34 Newbury St., Boston.

Growth of Membership

As shown by the following tables the association has steadily grown in membership. It is very much to be desired that the next issue of the handbook shall show a large increase of members among libraries. The association has taken over the publication of its proceedings which can hereafter be obtained through membership only. In return for such membership, costing \$5.00 annually, the association offers libraries the A. L. A. bulletin, a bi-monthly publication, of which one issue is the proceedings and another the handbook. In addition to these, each library will receive the "A. L. A. Booklist," issued eight times each year, "an annotated buying list of current books suitable for small and larger libraries." The membership among libraries now numbers over 160, an increase of over 100 during the past year. It is hoped that librarians will call the attention of their trustees to these benefits from membership in the association. In referring to the returns which come to a library by virtue of membership in the association, the May bulletin says: "This places the trustees of a library in a position where they can rightfully and lawfully appropriate \$5.00 a year in payment of helpful literature which they will receive."

Since 1876, with but three exceptions, the association has held annual meetings, the place of meeting being purposely varied so as to reach different sections of the country.

It is proposed to hold the meeting of 1908 at Lake Minnetonka, Minn., during the last week in June.

MEMBERS ADDED EACH YEAR

Year	Membership Nos. in Order of Joining	Added Each Year
1876	No. 1- 69	69
1877	" 70- 122	53
1878	" 123- 196	74
1879	" 197- 335	139
1880	" 336- 397	12
1881	" 398- 413	16
1882	" 414- 454	41
1883	" 455- 470	16
1884	" 471- 476	6
1885	" 477- 513	37
1886	" 514- 594	81
1887	" 595- 700	106
1888	" 701- 725	25
1889	" 726- 771	46
1890	" 772- 884	113
1891	" 885- 939	55
1892	" 940-1081	142
1893	" 1082-1230	149
1894	" 1231-1315	85
1895	" 1316-1377	62
1896	" 1378-1550	173
1897	" 1551-1684	134
1898	" 1685-1825	141
1899	" 1826-1903	83
1900	" 1909-2116	208
1901	" 2117-2390	274
1902	" 2391-2735	345
1903	" 2736-2975	240
1904	" 2976-3239	264
1905	" 3240-3497	257
1906	" 3498-3951	453
1907*	" 3952-4273	321

*To September 20. Members on that date 1808.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFIED BY STATES

	No. of Library Members	No. of Members in State	Total in State		No. of Library Members	No. of Members in State	Total in State
Ala.....	3	6	9	Ore.....	1	18	19
Ark.....	—	1	1	Penn.....	12	122	134
Cal.....	7	42	49	R. I.	5	30	35
Col.....	2	9	11	S. C.....	2	9	11
Conn.....	8	54	57	S. D.....	—	2	2
Del....	1	1	2	Tenn.....	3	16	19
Dist. of Col.	2	116	118	Tex.....	3	19	22
Fla.....	—	1	1	Utah.....	1	2	3
Ga.....	2	18	20	Vt.....	1	17	18
Idaho	—	4	4	Va.....	2	10	12
Ill.....	9	102	111	Wash.....	1	20	21
Ind.....	3	32	35	W. Va.....	—	1	1
Ind. Ter.	—	2	2	Wis.....	2	48	50
Ia.....	4	27	31	Wy.....	2	1	3
Kan.....	4	13	17				
Ky.....	3	13	16	Total.....	165	1615	1780
La.....	1	5	6				
Me.....	—	20	20	" FOREIGN			
Md.....	2	16	18				
Mass.....	35	243	278	Australia.....	—	2	2
Mich.....	5	38	43	Canada.....	2	12	14
Minn.....	1	34	35	England.....	—	1	1
Miss.....	—	2	2	France.....	—	2	2
Mo.....	4	30	34	Germany.....	—	1	1
Mont.....	1	—	1	Hawaii.....	1	—	1
Neb.....	—	12	12	India.....	—	1	1
Nev.....	—	1	1	Italy.....	—	1	1
New Ham....	5	14	19	Japan.....	1	—	1
N. J.....	9	56	65	New Zealand..	—	1	1
N. Y.....	11	300	311	Phillipines ...	—	2	2
N. C.....	3	18	21	Scotland.....	1	—	1
N. D.....	—	3	3				
Ohio.....	10	64	74	Grand Total..	170	1638	1808
Okla.....	—	3	3				

MEMBERSHIP BY CLASSES

Honorary Members.....	8
Life Members	56
Library Members.....	170
Perpetual Members.....	1
Life Fellows	2
Annual Members.....	1571
Total.....	<u>1808</u>

LIBRARIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS CLASSIFIED BY STATES AND TOWNS.

ALABAMA

Montgomery
Department of Archives and History.
Department of Libraries.
Library Association.

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles
Public Library.
Oakland
Public Library.
Pasadena
Public Library.
Riverside
Public Library.
Sacramento
California State Library.
Public Library.
San Francisco
Public Library.

COLORADO

Denver
Public Library.
Pueblo
McClellands Library.

CONNECTICUT

Bridgeport
Public Library.
Hartford
Connecticut State Library.
New Haven
Young Men's Institute Library.

DELAWARE

Wilmington
Wilmington Institute Free Library.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington
Library of Congress.
Public Library.

GEORGIA

Atlanta
Library Training School of the Carnegie
Library.

Augusta

Home Sunday School Library.

ILLINOIS

Chicago
Newberry Library.
Public Library.
The John Crerar Library.
University of Chicago Library.
University of Chicago Press.
Decatur
Public Library.
East St. Louis
Public Library.
Evanston
Public Library.
Urbana
University of Illinois Library.

INDIANA

Indianapolis
Public Library Commission
Logansport
Public Library.
Terre Haute
Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library.

IOWA.

Cedar Rapids
Public Library.
Council Bluffs
Public Library.
Muscatine
P. M. Musser Public Library.
Sioux City
Public Library.

KANSAS.

Kansas City
Public Library.
Lawrence
Kansas Library Association.
Topeka
State Historical Association.
State Library.

KENTUCKY

Lexington
Public Library.

Louisville
Free Public Library.
Paducah
Public Library.

LOUISIANA

New Orleans
Public Library.

MARYLAND

Baltimore
Enoch Pratt Free Library.
Peabody Institute.

MASSACHUSETTS

Acushnet
Public Library.
Amherst
College Library.
Library Association.
Boston
Public Library.
Brookline
Public Library.
Cambridge
Harvard College Library.
Public Library.
Chelsea
Fitz Public Library.
Conway
Field Memorial Library.
Dalton
Public Library.
Fairhaven
Millicent Library.
Fall River
Public Library.
Fitchburg
Public Library.
Haverhill
Public Library.
Lawrence
Public Library.
Lenox
Library Association.
Lexington
Cary Library.
Lynn
Public Library.
Marblehead
Abbot Public Library.

Malden
Public Library.
Milton
Public Library.
Medford
Public Library.
New Bedford
Public Library.
Newton
Public Library.
North Adams
Public Library.
North Andover
Stevens Memorial Library.
Salem
Public Library.
Somerville
Public Library.
South Sudbury
Goodnow Library.
Springfield
City Library Association.
Stockbridge
Library Association.
Waltham
Public Library.
Worcester
Clark University Library.
Free Public Library.
Worcester County Law Association Library.

MICHIGAN

Bay City
Public Library
Grand Rapids
Public Library
Lansing
State Library.
Mount Clemens
Public Library.
Muskegon
Hackley Public Library.

MINNESOTA

Duluth
Public Library.

MISSOURI

St. Joseph
Free Public Library.

St. Louis

Mercantile Library.
Public Library.

Sedalia

Public Library.

MONTANA**Helena**

Montana State Library.

NEW HAMPSHIRE**Derry**

Public Library.

Dover

Public Library.

Hanover

Dartmouth College Library.

Manchester

City Library.

Peterboro

Public Library.

NEW JERSEY**Atlantic City**

Free Public Library.

East Orange

Free Public Library.

Elizabeth

New Jersey Library Association.

Jersey City

Free Public Library.

Madison

Public Library.

Newark

Free Public Library.

Paterson

Free Public Library.

Plainfield

Public Library.

Princeton

Princeton University Library.

NEW YORK**Binghamton**

Public Library.

Brooklyn

Public Library.

Long Island City

Queens Borough Library.

New York City

New York Library Club.

Mercantile Library Association.
Public Library.

Palmyra

King's Daughters' Free Library.

Rochester

University of Rochester Library.

Rye

Free Reading Room.

Syracuse

Public Library.

Utica

Public Library.

NORTH CAROLINA**Asheville**

Library Association.

Charlotte

Carnegie Library.

Greensboro

Public Library.

OHIO**Alliance**

Carnegie Library.

Celina

Public Library.

Cincinnati

Public Library.

Cleveland

Public Library

Western Reserve University Library
School Library.

Elyria

Public Library

Lima

Library Association.

Masillon

McClymonds Library.

Toledo

Public Library.

Youngstown

Reuben McMillan Free Library

OREGON**Portland**

Library Association.

PENNSYLVANIA**Bradford**

Carnegie Library.

Easton

Public Library.

Harrisburg

Pennsylvania State Library.

Lockhaven

Central State Normal School Library.

Philadelphia

Drexel Institute.

Free Library.

Pennsylvania Library Club.

University of Pennsylvania Library.

Pittsburgh

Carnegie Library

Carnegie Training School for children's librarians.

Reading

Public Library

Wilkes-Barre

Osterhaut Free Library.

RHODE ISLAND**Pawtucket**

Free Public Library.

Providence

Brown University Library.

Providence Athenaeum.

Rhode Island State Library.

Woonsocket

Harris Institute Library.

SOUTH CAROLINA**Anderson**

Library Association.

Rock Hill

Winthrop Normal and Industrial College Library.

TENNESSEE**Memphis**

Cossitt Library.

Nashville

Carnegie Library.

Tennessee State Library.

TEXAS**Austin**

University of Texas Library.

Galveston

Rosenberg Library.

Houston

Public Library and Lyceum.

UTAH**Provo City**

Free Library.

VERMONT**Montpelier**

Vermont State Library.

VIRGINIA**Blacksburg**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Richmond

Richmond Education Association.

WASHINGTON**Seattle**

Public Library.

WISCONSIN**Kenosha**

Gilbert M. Simmons Library.

Milwaukee

Public Library.

WYOMING**Green River**

Carnegie Library.

Laramie

University of Wyoming Library.

FOREIGN**CANADA****Toronto**

Department of Education.

Westmount

Public Library.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS**Honolulu**

Ohau College Library.

JAPAN**Tokyo**

Imperial Library of Japan.

SCOTLAND**Edinburgh**

Signet Library.

Meetings.

Dates	Held at	Total Attendance
1876, October 4-6.....	Philadelphia.....	103
1877, September 4-6.....	New York.....	66
1877, October 2-5.....	London (international).....	21
1879, June 30—July 2.....	Boston.....	162
1881, February 9-12.....	Washington.....	70
1882, May 24-27.....	Cincinnati.....	47
1883, August 14-17.....	Buffalo, N. Y.....	72
1885, September 8-11.....	Lake George, N. Y.....	87
1886, July 7-10.....	Milwaukee.....	133
1887, August 30—September 2.....	Thousand Islands, N. Y.....	186
1888, September 25-28.....	Catskill Mts., N. Y.....	32
1889, May 8-11.....	St. Louis.....	106
1890, September 9-13.....	Fabyans (White Mts.).....	242
1891, October 12-16.....	San Francisco.....	83
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1895, August 13-21.....	Denver and Colorado Springs... ..	147
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1900, June 6-12.....	Montreal, Canada.....	452
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1902, June 14-20.....	Boston and Magnolia, Mass.,.....	1018
1903, June 22-27.....	Niagara.....	684
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1905, July 4-8.....	Portland, Ore.,.....	359
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1907, May 23-29.....	Asheville, N. C.,.....	478

The Papers and proceedings of these meetings are printed each year in the A. L. A. Bulletin. The following members have attended eleven, or more, conventions:

25 Henry J. Carr.	Faxon, Miss C. M. Hewins, Miss Tessa L. Kelso, Miss M. E. Sargent, Miss K. L. Sharp.
23 Melvil Dewey, W. I. Fletcher.	13 Miss S. C. Hagar, Miss H. E. Haines, W. C. Lane, C. A. Nelson, Miss M. M. Oakley, A. L. Peck, Dr. B. C. Steiner.
22 S. S. Green.	12 Miss E. G. Browning, Miss L. A. Eastman, W. R. Eastman, Mrs. A. G. Evans, C. B. Galbreath, Miss M. B. Lindsay, F. C. Patten, Miss L. E. Stearns, W. K. Stetson.
21 Mrs. Henry J. Carr.	11 E. M. Barton, William Beer, S. H. Berry, Miss Edith E. Clarke, W. P. Cutter, Miss C. H. Garland, J. M. C. Hanson, G. W. Harris, Miss Mary E. Hawley, Miss M. E. Hazeltine, F. H. Hild, A. H. Hopkins, Herbert Putnam, Miss Abby L. Sargent, R. G. Thwaites.
20 F. M. Crunden.	
19 W. H. Brett, W. E. Foster, W. T. Peoples, H. M. Utley.	
18 R. R. Bowker, Nina E. Brown, E. J. Nolan, C. C. Soule.	
17 F. P. Hill, G. M. Jones, Miss M. W. Plummer, G. E. Wire.	
16 Miss M. E. Ahern, W. S. Biscoe, Mrs. S. C. Fairchild, G. T. Little.	
15 C. W. Andrews, I. S. Bradley, C. R. Dudley, J. N. Larned, T. L. Montgomery, E. C. Richardson, Mrs. M. A. Sanders.	
14 J. C. Dana, Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf, F. W.	

OFFICERS, 1907-08**President**

Arthur E. Bostwick, Public Library, New York.

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Second Vice-President

Helen E. Haines, "Library Journal," New York.

Secretary

J. I. Wyer, Jr., State Library, Albany, N. Y.

Treasurer

Anderson H. Hopkins, Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Recorder

Lutie E. Stearns, Wisconsin Free Library Commission, Madison, Wis.

Registrar

Nina E. Browne, A. L. A. offices, 34 Newbury st., Boston, Mass.

Executive Board

The president, ex-president (Clement W. Andrews), vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer and recorder.

Executive Officer

E. C. Hovey, 34 Newbury st., Boston, Mass.

Trustees of the Endowment Fund

Alexander Maitland, New York City. (Term expires 1908.)

D. P. Corey, Malden, Mass. (Term expires 1909.)

C. C. Soule, Boston, Mass. (Term expires 1910.)

A. L. A. COUNCIL, 1907-08

The executive board and twenty-five members as follows:

Term expires 1908.

- J. H. Canfield, Columbia university library.
 Gratia A. Countryman, Minneapolis public library.
 C. R. Dudley, Denver public library.
 G. T. Little, Bowdoin college library.
 R. G. Thwaites, Wisconsin historical society, Madison.

Term expires 1909.

- W. E. Henry, University of Washington library.
 A. H. Hopkins, Carnegie library, Pittsburgh.
 J. C. Rowell, University of California library.
 Anne Wallace, Carnegie library, Atlanta.
 H. C. Wellman, City library association, Springfield.

Term expires 1910.

- G. T. Clark, Leland Stanford university library.
 F. M. Crunden, St. Louis public library.
 Linda A. Eastman, Cleveland public library.
 Mary F. Isom, Library association, Portland, Ore.
 W. C. Kimball, New Jersey public library commission. (96 Prince st., New York City.)

Term expires 1911.

- G. S. Godard, Connecticut state library.
 T. W. Koch, University of Michigan library.
 Herbert Putnam, Library of Congress.
 Alice S. Tyler, Iowa library commission.
 P. B. Wright, St. Joseph (Mo.) public library.

Term expires 1912.

- Mary E. Ahern, "Public Libraries," Chicago.
 Thomas L. Montgomery, State Library, Harrisburg, Pa.
 R. R. Bowker, "Publishers Weekly," New York.
 Gardner M. Jones, Public Library, Salem, Mass.
 W. F. Yust, Free Public Library, Louisville, Ky.

COMMITTEES, 1907-08

Finance.

- George A. Macbeth, 717 Amberson Ave., Pittsburgh, Penn.
 W. H. Brett, Public library, Cleveland.
 D. B. Hall, Millicent library, Fairhaven, Mass.

Library administration

- Corinne Bacon, New York State library.
 Sula Wagner, Public library, St. Louis.
 H. C. Wellman, City library association, Springfield, Mass.

Public documents

- A. R. Hasse, New York public library.
 Johnson Brigham, Iowa state library.
 W. E. Henry, University of Washington library.
 J. D. Thompson, Library of Congress.
 T. W. Koch, University of Michigan library.
 H. H. Langton, University of Toronto library.
 Charles McCarthy, Wisconsin free library commission, Madison.
 T. M. Owen, Dept. of Archives and history, Alabama.
 S. H. Ranck, Grand Rapids public library.
 Mary L. Sutliff, California state library.
 R. H. Whitten, New York state library.

Cooperation with library department of National educational association.

Not Yet Appointed.

A. L. A. Publishing board

- H. E. Legler (term expires 1908), chairman.
 H. C. Wellman (term expires 1908).
 C. C. Soule (term expires 1909), treasurer.
 W. C. Lane (term expires 1909).
 Mrs H. L. Elmendorf (term expires 1910).

Library training

- Mary W. Plummer, Pratt institute library school, Brooklyn.
 Mrs H. L. Elmendorf, Public library, Buffalo.

W. C. Kimball, Public library, Passaic, N. J.

H. E. Legler, Wisconsin free library commission.

Isabel E. Lord, Pratt institute free library.

A. S. Root, Oberlin college library.

Grace D. Rose, Public library, Davenport, Iowa.

Caroline M. Underhill, Public library, Utica, N. Y.

International relations

- E. C. Richardson, Princeton university library.
 Cyrus Alder, Smithsonian institution.
 J. S. Billings, New York public library.
 W. C. Lane, Harvard university library.
 Herbert Putnam, Library of Congress.

Book buying

- J. C. Dana, Public library, Newark.
 W. P. Cutter, Forbes library, Northampton, Mass.
 B. C. Steiner, Enoch Pratt free library, Baltimore.

Special Committees.

Advisory Committee on Headquarters—D. P. Corey, G. M. Jones, C. C. Soule.

Bookbindings and Bookpapers—A. L. Bailey, W. P. Cutter, G. E. Wire.

Catalog rules—J. C. M. Hanson (chairman), W. S. Biscoe, Nina E. Browne, T. F. Currier, A. H. Hopkins, Alice B. Kroege (secretary), E. C. Richardson.

Constitutional revision—C. W. Andrews, W. H. Brett, H. J. Carr, W. C. Lane.

Library architecture—C. R. Dudley, W. H. Brett, G. T. Clark, W. R. Eastman, F. P. Hill, C. C. Soule, John Thomson.

Library work with the blind—N. D. C. Hodges, A. D. Dickinson, Mrs S. C. Fairchild, Esther J. Giffin, Emma R. Neisser.

Program—A. E. Bostwick, Helen E. Haines, J. I. Wyer, Jr.

Relations of libraries to federal and state governments—B. C. Steiner, James Bain,

R. R. Bowker, H. G. Wadlin, R. H. Whitten.

Title pages to periodicals—W. I. Fletcher, A. E. Bostwick, Ernst Lemcke.

Travel—F. W. Faxon, Gratia A. Countryman, E. C. Hovey, with power to add two members.

Offices of the association

The executive and publishing offices of the Association are at 34 Newbury street, Boston and are in charge of E. C. Hovey. Members and library workers visiting Boston may have their mail addressed to the Association offices, which are open daily from 9 to 5, and are cordially invited to use the rooms. Applications for membership and payment of dues should be made to the American Library Association, 34 Newbury street, Boston, Mass., and members will please report promptly to this office any change in address or position and thus insure prompt receipt of communications and

correct printing of the membership list in the Handbook.

Endowment funds

Following the meeting of 1890 and through the efforts of the Trustees section to collect a permanent fund "for publishing the proceedings of the association," the Endowment fund (see sec. 5 of Constitution) was established. It amounts now to \$6,500. To this sum was added in 1902 The Carnegie Fund of \$100,000 given by Andrew Carnegie as a special fund, the income of which shall be applied to the preparation and publication of such reading lists, indexes and other bibliographic and literary aids as would be specially useful in the circulating libraries of this country. By vote of the Council, The Carnegie Fund has been placed in charge of the trustees of the Endowment Fund. Full information as to the investment and condition of these funds will be found on pages 22-23 of the Report of the Asheville meeting.

A. L. A. CONSTITUTION

Adopted 1900

Object

Sec. 1. The object of the American Library Association shall be to promote the welfare of libraries in America.

Membership

Sec. 2. **Members and fellows.** Any person or institution engaged in library work may become a member or fellow by paying the annual dues, and others, after election by the executive board.

Sec. 3. **Honorary members and fellows.** On nomination of the council, honorary members may be elected by unanimous vote at any meeting of the association.

Sec. 4. **Life members and fellows.** Any individual member may become a life member, exempt from dues by paying \$25. On payment of \$100 any individual member

may become a life fellow and any institution a perpetual member. An individual life member may become a life fellow on payment of \$75.

Endowment Fund

Sec. 5. All receipts from life and perpetual memberships and life fellowships, and all gifts for endowment purposes, shall constitute an endowment fund, which shall be invested, and the principal kept forever inviolate. The interest shall be expended as the council may direct. The endowment fund shall be in the custody of three trustees, one of whom shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting to hold office for three years from the date of his election and until his successor shall be elected. No money from the endowment fund

shall be invested or expended except on check signed by a majority of the trustees.

Management

Sec. 6. The business of the association shall be entrusted to the executive board and the council. But the association may, by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting, take direct action, or revise the action of the executive board or council, or give them mandatory instructions.

Officers and Committees

Sec. 7. The officers of the association shall be a president, first and second vice-presidents, a secretary, a recorder, and a treasurer, to be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the association, and to hold office until the adjournment of the meeting at which their successors are elected. These officers, together with the president for the preceding term, shall constitute an executive board and they shall also serve as officers of the executive board and of the council.

Sec. 8. **President and Vice-Presidents.** The president shall be the representative head of the association. In case of his death, resignation, or inability to serve, the ranking vice-president shall become president.

Sec. 9. **Secretary.** The secretary, subject to the general authority of the president and of the executive board, shall be the active executive officer. He shall be elected first for one year, and upon re-election for a term of three years, and shall have such salary as the council may determine.

Sec. 10. **Recorder.** The recorder shall keep a record of the attendance and proceedings at each meeting of the association, council or executive board.

Sec. 11. **Treasurer.** The treasurer shall record all receipts and disbursements, collect dues, pay bills on written order of two members of the finance committee, and make an annual report to the association.

Sec. 12. **Executive Board.** The executive board shall administer the business af-

fairs of the association, except those entrusted to the council; and it shall have power, in intervals between meetings of the association or of the council, to act on all matters on which those members present at a meeting reach unanimous agreement. The executive board shall appoint from the membership of the association a finance committee of three and may appoint other committees, assistant officers, and reporters on special subjects. It shall have authority to arrange the program for the annual meeting and to decide upon the presentation and printing of papers and reports. It shall have authority to include in the publications of the Association so much of the program, notices, circulars and proceedings of affiliated associations as it may deem advisable.

Sec. 13. **Finance committee.** The finance committee shall prepare annual and supplementary budgets, within which appropriations shall be made by the executive board. It shall audit bills and give orders on the treasurer for payment; and no expense shall be incurred on behalf of the association by any officer or committee in excess of the authorized appropriation.

Sec. 14. **Votes by correspondence.** Approval in writing by every member of the council or of a board or committee shall have the force of a vote.

Sec. 15. **Members and votes.** The council shall consist of the executive board and twenty-five members elected by the association, five each year, to hold office for five years.

Sec. 16. **Meetings.** The council shall meet at the place of meeting of the association, immediately prior to the annual meeting of the association, and immediately prior to the final session thereof, and also between meetings of the association on call of the executive board or of a majority of the councilors.

Sec. 17. **Duties.** The council shall adopt by-laws for the association. It shall nominate officers of the association and trustees of the endowment fund, and shall include on a printed ballot other nominations filed with the secretary by five members of the

association twenty-four hours before the election. It may, by a two-thirds vote, establish sections of the association. It may, by a two-thirds vote, promulgate recommendations relating to library matters, and no resolutions except votes of thanks and on local arrangements shall be otherwise promulgated. It may by a two-thirds vote upon suitable conditions, affiliate with the American Library Association other organizations kindred in purpose.

Publishing Board

Sec. 18. The publishing board shall consist of five members appointed by the executive board for terms of not more than three years. Its object shall be to secure the preparation and publication of such catalogs, indexes, and other bibliographic and library aids as it may approve.

Sec. 19. The publishing board shall annually appoint its chairman, secretary and treasurer.

Sec. 20. No moneys shall be paid by the treasurer and no work shall be undertaken except by a vote of a majority of the whole board.

Sec. 21. The treasury of the publishing board shall be entirely distinct from that of the association, and the association shall not be liable for any debts incurred by the publishing board. With the approval of the finance committee, money may be appropriated by the executive board from the treasury of the association for the running expenses of the publishing board.

Sec. 22. The publishing board shall report in print at each annual meeting of the association.

Meetings

Sec. 23. **Annual meetings.** There shall be an annual meeting of the association at such place and time as may be determined by the council.

Sec. 24. **Special meetings.** Special meetings of the association may be called by the executive board, and shall be called by the president on request of twenty members of the association. At least one month's notice shall be given, and only

business specified in the call shall be transacted.

Sec. 25. **Quorum.** Forty members shall constitute a quorum.

Amendments and By-laws

Sec. 26. **Amendments.** This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting at two successive meetings of the association, provided that notice of the amendments in their final form be sent to each member of the association at least one month before its final adoption.

Sec. 27. **By-laws.** Any by-law may be suspended by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting at any meeting of the association or council.

BY-LAWS

Sec. 1. The annual dues of the association shall be \$2 for individuals and \$5 for libraries and other institutions, payable in advance in January, save that for the first year the dues for individuals shall be \$3. Any person renewing membership shall pay all arrears of dues or dues required of new members. Members whose dues are unpaid at the close of the annual conference and who shall continue such delinquency for one month after notice of the same has been sent by the treasurer, shall be dropped from membership.

Sec. 2. Nine members shall constitute a quorum of the council for the transaction of routine business, but no sections of the association shall be established and no recommendations relating to library matters shall be promulgated at any meeting at which there are less than 17 members present. The records of the council, so far as of general interest, shall be printed with the proceedings of the association.

Sec. 3. In making nominations the council shall be governed by the following rules: Nominations shall be regular business for the first meeting of the council at each annual conference. Members shall be notified that at least one informal ballot will be taken at that meeting. The executive officers of the association, i. e.,

president, secretary, treasurer and recorder, shall be chosen solely with reference to their ability and willingness to serve the association, without regard to residence or previous service, except as hereinafter provided. The vice-presidents, one at least of whom shall be a woman, shall be selected from ex-members of the council. In general, nominations to the council shall be made with a view of having it representative of all sections of the country and of the principal classes of the libraries included in the association. No person shall be nominated as president, first or second vice-president or councilor of the association for two consecutive terms. No more than the required number of nominations shall be made by the council. The position and residence of each nominee shall be given on the official ballot.

Sec. 4. In case of a vacancy in any office, except that of president, the executive board may designate some person to discharge the duties of the same *pro tempore*.

Sec. 5. The president and secretary, with one other member appointed by the executive board, shall constitute a program committee, which shall, under the supervision of the executive board, arrange the program for each annual meeting, and designate persons to prepare papers, open discussions, etc., and shall decide whether any paper which may be offered shall be accepted or rejected, and if accepted, whether it shall be read entire, by abstract or by title. It shall recommend to the executive board printing accepted papers entire or to such extent as may be considered desirable. Abstracts of papers to be presented at annual conferences shall be in the hands of the program committee at least two weeks before the conference.

Sec. 6. The executive board shall appoint annually a committee of five on library training, which shall investigate the whole subject of library schools and

courses of study, and report the results of its investigations, with its recommendations.

Sec. 7. The executive board shall appoint annually a committee of three on library administration, to consider and report improvements in any department of library economy, and make recommendations looking to harmony, uniformity, and cooperation, with a view to economical administration.

Sec. 8. The executive board shall at each annual meeting of the association appoint a committee of three on resolutions, which shall prepare and report to the association suitable resolutions of acknowledgments and thanks. To this committee shall be referred all such resolutions offered in meetings of the association.

Sec. 9. The objects of sections which may be established by the council under the provisions of sec. 17 of the constitution, shall be discussion, comparison of views, etc., upon subjects of interest to the members. No authority is granted any section to incur expense on account of the association or to commit the association by any declaration of policy. A member of the association eligible under the rules of the section may become a member thereof by registering his or her name with the secretary of the section.

Sec. 10. Provisions shall be made by the executive board for sessions of the various sections at annual meetings of the association, and the programs for the same shall be prepared by the officers of sections in consultation with the program committee. Sessions of sections shall be open to any member of the association, but no person may vote in any section unless registered as a member of the same. The registered members of each section shall, at the final session of each annual meeting, choose a chairman and secretary, to serve until the close of the next annual meeting.

A. L. A. PUBLISHING BOARD

History. The Publishing Section of the American Library Association was organized in 1886 to further cooperation among libraries in preparing and publishing bibliographies, indexes and special catalogs. In 1900 the organization was changed and the work placed in charge of a Publishing Board of five members, appointed by the executive committee of the Association. In 1902 Mr. Andrew Carnegie gave a fund of \$100,000, the income from which is to be applied to the preparation and publication of desirable library aids.

Publications. On the following pages is a list of the books already issued or in preparation. A special feature of the bibliographic work is the annotations made by specialists. Of the card publications a description will be found on a following page.

Prices. Strictly net, unless otherwise indicated; postage extra on book publications.

BOOK PUBLICATIONS.

Guide to reference books, by Alice B. Kroeger.

Cloth, \$1.25. (postage 10c.)

Designed to help library assistants, library school students, college and normal students, teachers, etc., in gaining a knowledge of reference books quickly. It also serves as a guide to the selection of reference books for a library. A full index shows where to find in the various books of reference many topics of general interest to which there is ordinarily no clue.

Literature of American history, edited by J. N. Larned.

Cloth, \$6. (postage 30c.) Sheep, \$7.50. Half mor. \$9.

Combines the labors of many scholars, and embraces books of every character concerning which it seems to be important that readers of various classes should

be told what their merits or demerits are. Lists for guidance in purchasing books of primary importance have been prepared by Prof. Edward Channing of Harvard university.

—**Supplement for 1900-1901**, edited by Philip P. Wells. Out of print.

Supplements for 1902, 1903, edited by P. P. Wells, are issued in the series Annotated titles of books on English and American history.

Pamphlet \$1 per year. Also issued in card form at \$2.

Supplement for 1904 in pamphlet form only. 25c.

A. L. A. Catalog.

Paper, 25. (postage 36.)

A catalog of 8000 volumes, suitable for a popular library. Designed as a guide in buying books for public and private libraries; as a guide to readers in choosing books; to help in answering inquiries for the best books on a given subject, etc.

A. L. A. Index to general literature. New edition.

Cloth, \$10. (postage 52c.) Half mor. \$14.

It does for general literature what Poole has done for periodicals, indexing some 6000 volumes: collections of essays and critical biographic monographs; books of travel, general history, etc., in which chapters or parts are worthy of separate reference; reports and publications of boards and associations dealing with education, labor, health, statistics, etc.; many miscellaneous books, including some volumes of the U. S. public documents.

A. L. A. Portrait index, edited by William C. Lane and Nina E. Browne.

Cloth, \$3. (postage 48c.)

An index to portraits (about 120,000) contained in printed books and periodicals, compiled with the cooperation of

many librarians and others for the A. L. A. Publishing Board.

Books for girls and women and their clubs, edited by George Iles.

Paper, 25c. (postage 10c.)

Also issued in 5 parts small size 5c. each.

With descriptive and critical notes the list tells of some 2100 books worth reading. Men and women who know, have chosen the books and said about them just what they would tell an inquirer face to face. The selection is suited to men and boys as well as to girls and women.

Subject headings for use in dictionary catalogs.

Cloth, \$2. (postage 12c.)

Prepared by a committee of the A. L. A. The headings used in the best dictionary catalogs have been carefully compared and those considered preferable have been adopted in this list.

Reading for the young. With Supplement (1890-95), by M. E. and A. L. Sargent.

Sheets, \$1. (postage 10c.) Supplement in cloth, 25c.

A classified and annotated list of books suitable for young people. Under each heading the book titles are followed by references to the best articles on the subject in the young folks' periodicals. The subject index covers the original work and the Supplement.

List of French fiction, by Mme Sophie Cornu and William Beer.

Paper, 5c.

Comprises 186 titles, and is intended as a guide to reading for the young and for the family circle.

Books for boys and girls, by Caroline M. Hewins.

Paper, second and enlarged edition, 15 cents.

Prepared as a help in buying books for the smaller public libraries and also for home use of parents and teachers.

Paper and ink, by R. T. Swan. Free.

A report by the Commissioner of public records in the State of Massachusetts on the result of an investigation into the subject of paper and ink used in the records.

Library tracts.

On subjects pertaining to the establishment and maintenance of public libraries. The tracts are intended to be of service especially to small libraries, and to be helpful in stimulating an interest in the establishment of libraries.

1. Why do we need a public library? 5c. or \$1 per 100.

2. How to start a library, by G. E. Wire. 5c. or \$1 per 100.

3. Traveling libraries, by F. A. Hutchins. 5c. or \$1 per 100.

4. Library rooms and buildings, by C. C. Soule. 5c. or \$1 per 100.

5. Notes from the art section of a library, by C. A. Cutter. 5c. or \$2 per 100.

8. A village library, by Mary A. Tarbell. 5c. or \$2 per 100.

9. Training for librarianship, by Mary W. Plummer. 5c. or \$2 per 100.

10. Material for a public library campaign, by Chalmers Hadley. Price 15c.

Library handbooks.

On subjects pertaining to practice. The handbooks like the tracts are intended to be of service to small libraries and to trustees and committees in charge of libraries.

1. Essentials in library administration, by L. E. Stearns. 15c. or \$5 per 100.

2. Cataloging for small libraries, by Theresa Hitchler. 15c. or \$5 per 100.

3. Management of traveling libraries, by Edna D. Bullock. 15c. or \$5 per 100.

A. L. A. Papers and proceedings, 1883—1906.

Paper, 35 cents with the following exceptions:

Proceedings for 1885, '87, '90, '91, \$1.00.

Proceedings for 1881, '82, '86, '92, '93, '05 are out of print.

A. L. A. Booklist. See p. 21.

CARD PUBLICATIONS

The Board issues 4 series of printed catalog cards.

1. For current periodical publications.
2. For bibliographic serials.
3. For various periodical sets and for books of composite authorship.

4. For current books on English and American history.

For lists of publications indexed and for all information regarding the publications of the Board address

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34 Newbury St., Boston.

A. L. A. SECTIONS

By means of a system of sections the practical usefulness of the A. L. A. meetings has been considerably enlarged. The section meetings, while open to all, provide especially for the needs of each class of workers, and afford more opportunity for the discussion of details. The regular, or undivided, sessions are thus left free for subjects of general interest and the consideration of routine matters concerning the entire association.

Four of these sections maintain a formal organization from year to year, and take under consideration questions relating more particularly to their own province. They are as follows:

COLLEGE AND REFERENCE SECTION

which dates from a first meeting of the college librarians held in 1889. Since then, meetings have been held regularly.

The officers for 1907-'08 are: Chairman, Willard Austen; Secretary, Charles J. Barr.

TRUSTEES SECTION

has had a permanent organization since the meeting of 1890.

More boards of trustees are each year recognizing the practical value of having their librarians attend the meetings, allowing them not only the time, but also necessary expenses in many cases. Equally significant is the increasing number of trustees who find that it pays to attend the A. L. A. meetings each year. By comparing views, and advising with each other on their peculiar duties, mutual aid is rendered toward the efficient discharge

of the public trust committed to them. Some of the meetings of trustees are held jointly with the librarians interested in supervisory problems; others with trustees only present, thus favoring the joint and separate discussion of salaries, laws, vacations, rules for the staff, and other questions in which librarians have a personal interest that modifies their judgment.

The officers for 1907-'08 are: Chairman, Washington T. Porter; Secretary, T. L. Montgomery.

CATALOG SECTION

was established by action of the Council in 1900 and has met at each conference since the Waukesha meeting in 1901 excepting at St. Louis in 1904 when no section meetings were held.

The officers for 1907-'08 are: Chairman, Agnes Van Valkenburgh; Secretary, Faith E. Smith.

LIBRARY WORK WITH CHILDREN

At the Montreal conference in 1900 an informal meeting was held for the purpose of personal acquaintance and cooperation among those actively engaged in library work with children. As a result of this meeting the Club of children's librarians was formed, and, in recognition of this movement for closer organization and wider discussion in this field than was afforded at the general sessions of the A. L. A., the executive board, in November 1900, established this section, which held its first meeting at Waukesha in 1901.

The officers for 1907-8 are: Chairman, Hannah Ellis; Secretary, Mary Dousman; Advisory Committee, Lutie E. Stearns, Mrs. Annie Smith Ross.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Acting under section 17 of the constitution and upon applications formally made by the proper officers, the A. L. A. Council has regularly affiliated with the American Library Association the following national organizations of kindred purpose.

National Association of State Libraries: President, T. L. Montgomery, Pennsylvania; 1st vice-president, T. M. Owen, Alabama; 2nd vice-president, J. M. Hitt, Washington; secretary-treasurer, Minnie M. Oakley, Wisconsin.

League of Library Commissions: President, Chalmers Hadley, Indiana; 1st vice-

president, Caroline M. Hewins, Connecticut; 2d vice-president, T. M. Owen, Alabama; secretary, Clara F. Baldwin, Minnesota; treasurer, Sarah B. Askew, New Jersey.

The Year-book of the League published in May, 1906, gives details of organization and work of each commission.

American Association of Law Libraries: President, A. J. Small; vice-president, Andrew H. Mettee; secretary-treasurer, Franklin O. Poole; executive committee, E. A. Feazel, Frederick W. Schenk, George Kearney.

AMERICAN LIBRARY INSTITUTE

The following recommendation from the Council was adopted by the general Association at the Portland meeting in 1905.

"Resolved, that the members of the Council present approve the plan submitted by the Library Academy committee to establish an American Library Institute, to consist of 100 persons chosen from English-speaking America, as likely to contribute most to library progress by conference together, and recommend that

the A. L. A. take direct action by passing the following resolution:

That the ex-presidents of the A. L. A. be the first members of this Institute, with power to add to their number, to organize and adopt needed rules, provided that all ex-presidents and members for each current year of the Executive Board and Council shall have seats in all meetings of the Institute."

No report of organization has yet been submitted to the A. L. A. Council.

LIBRARY PERIODICALS

1. **A. L. A. Bulletin.** An official organ of the association, distributed to members only. Published bi-monthly, one issue being the Proceedings of the annual conference and another being the Handbook.

2. **A. L. A. Booklist.** An annotated buying list of current books suitable for small and larger public libraries. Also prints frequent reference lists on current

topics. Published by the A. L. A. Publishing Board, 34 Newbury St., Boston, monthly except from June to September. \$1 per year.

3. **Library Journal.** A monthly exponent of library progress, whose volumes constitute a bibliothecal work now recognized as a necessity in every progressive library and as unexcelled in any language.

It is published at 298 Broadway, New York, and the subscription price is \$4 per year.

4. **Public Libraries.** A monthly journal dealing with every phase of library progress. It aims to meet the needs of li-

brarians in their everyday work by discussion of library methods, to further general library development in a free exchange of ideas and to give interesting news from the library field. Published by Library Bureau, Chicago, \$1 per year.

LIBRARY SCHOOLS

New York state library school, Albany, N. Y. Edwin H. Anderson, director; J. I. Wyer Jr., vice-director. 1887.

Pratt institute library school, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mary W. Plummer, director. 1890.

Drexel institute library school, Philadelphia; Alice B. Kroeger, director. 1892.

University of Illinois library school, Champaign, Ill.; Albert S. Wilson, director, 1893.

Simmons college library training school, Boston; Mary E. Robbins, director. 1902.

Western reserve university library school, Cleveland; William H. Brett, dean. 1904.

Winona technical institute library school, Indianapolis; Merica Hoagland, director. 1905.

Wisconsin library school, Madison; Henry E. Legler, director. 1906.

Library training school of the Carnegie library of Atlanta, Anne Wallace, director. 1905.

The Carnegie library training school for children's librarians, Pittsburgh; Frances J. Olcott, director, offers instruction in its special field.

Summer schools in library science are conducted at The New York state library school, by the State library commissions in Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, New Jersey, Indiana, at the State Universities of California and Washington and at Simmons college in Boston.

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSIONS

Alabama—Department of Archives and History: Thomas M. Owen, director, Montgomery, Ala.

Alabama—Division of Library Extension: Frances N. Green, chief in charge, Montgomery, Ala.

California State Library. Extension Department: Jas. L. Gillis, Sacramento.

Colorado State Board of Library Commissioners: C. R. Dudley, president, Public library, Denver.

Colorado Traveling Library Commission: Mrs. J. V. Welles, president, Denver.

Connecticut Free Public Library Committee: Caroline M. Hewlins, secretary; Public library, Hartford.

Delaware Free Library Commission: Thomas W. Wilson, secretary, State Library, Dover.

Georgia Library Commission: Anne Wallace, secretary, Carnegie library, Atlanta.

Idaho State Library Commission: E. Louise Johnson, secretary, Boise.

Indiana Public Library Commission: Chalmers Hadley, secretary, State House, Indianapolis.

Iowa Library Commission: Alice S. Tyler, secretary, State Historical Building, Des Moines.

Kansas Traveling Libraries Commission: Nellie G. Armentrout, secretary, State library, Topeka.

Maine Library Commission: E. W. Emery, secretary, State library, Augusta.

Maryland Public Library Commission: Mary L. Titcomb, secretary, Washington county free library, Hagerstown.

- Maryland State Library Commission: B. C. Steiner, secretary, Enoch Pratt free library, Baltimore.
- Massachusetts Free Public Library Commission: C. B. Tillinghast, chairman, State library, Boston.
- Michigan State Board of Library Commissioners: Mrs. M. C. Spencer, secretary, State library, Lansing.
- Minnesota Public Library Commission: Clara F. Baldwin, secretary, St. Paul.
- Missouri Library Commission: Jefferson City, Mo.
- Nebraska Public Library Commission: Charlotte Templeton, secretary, Lincoln.
- New Hampshire State Library Commission: A. H. Chase, secretary, State library, Concord.
- New Jersey Public Library Commission: H. C. Buchanan, secretary, State library, Trenton.
- New York. Education Department. Educational extension division, W. R. Eastman, chief, State library, Albany.
- North Dakota State Library Commission.
- Ohio Board of Library Commissioners: C. B. Galbreath, secretary, State library, Columbus.
- Oregon Public Library Commission: Cornelia Marvin, secretary, Salem.
- Pennsylvania Free Library Commission: T. L. Montgomery, secretary, State library, Harrisburg.
- Vermont Free Library Commission: Frances Hobart, secretary, Montpelier.
- Washington State Library Commission: J. M. Hitt, secretary, Olympia.
- Wisconsin Free Library Commission: Henry E. Legler, secretary, Madison.

STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

- Alabama. Department of Libraries, Southern Educational Association: Frances N. Green, secretary, Montgomery.
- Alabama Library Association: Frances N. Green, secretary, State Capitol, Montgomery.
- California Library Association: Alice J. Haines, secretary, State library, Sacramento.
- Colorado Library Association: H. E. Richie, secretary, Public library, Denver.
- Connecticut Library Association: Grace A. Child, secretary, Public library, Derby.
- Florida Library Association: Mollie B. Gibson, secretary, Free Public Library, Jacksonville.
- Georgia Library Association: Anne Wallace, secretary, Carnegie Library, Atlanta.
- Illinois Library Association: F. K. W. Drury, secretary, University of Illinois library, Urbana.
- Indiana Library Association: Sue K. Beck, secretary, Crawfordsville, Ind.
- Iowa Library Association: Mrs. A. J. Barkley, secretary, Public library, Boone.
- Kansas Library Association: Mrs. Nellie G. Beatty, secretary, Public library, Lawrence.
- Kentucky Library Association: Mary B. Pratt, secretary, Free Public Library, Louisville.
- Keystone State Library Association: See under Pennsylvania.
- Maine Library Association: Gerald G. Wilder, secretary, Bowdoin College library, Brunswick.
- Massachusetts Library Club: Drew B. Hall, secretary, Millicent library, Fairhaven.
- Michigan Library Association: Katherine G. Ling, secretary, Public library, Detroit.
- Minnesota Library Association: Miss Elizabeth Clute, secretary, Public library, St. Paul.
- Missouri Library Association: Flora B. Roberts, secretary, State Normal School library, Warrensburg.

- Montana State Library Association: Elizabeth McCord, Public library, Bozeman.
- Nebraska Library Association: Nellie J. Compton, secretary, University library, Lincoln.
- New Hampshire Library Association: Clara F. Brown, secretary, Public library, Concord.
- New Jersey Library Association: Marie Provost, secretary, Public library, Elizabeth, N. J.
- New York Library Association: Theresa Hitchler, secretary, Public library, Brooklyn.
- North Carolina State Library Association: L. R. Wilson, secretary, University library, Chapel Hill.
- North Dakota Library Association: Elizabeth Abbott, secretary, Public library, Grand Forks.
- Ohio Library Association: Miss Mary Parker, secretary, Elyria library, Elyria, Ohio.
- Oklahoma Library Association: Edith A. Phelps, secretary, Public library, Oklahoma City.
- Ontario Library Association: E. A. Hardy, secretary, 65 Czar st., Toronto.
- Oregon Library Association: Mary F. Isom, secretary, Library association, Portland.
- Pennsylvania, Keystone State Library Association: R. P. Bliss, secretary, State library, Harrisburg.
- Rhode Island Library Association: Herbert O. Brigham, secretary, State library, Providence.
- South Dakota Library Association: M. Alice Matthews, secretary, University library, Vermillion.
- Tennessee Library Association: M. H. Johnson, secretary, Carnegie library, Nashville.
- Texas State Library Association: Julia Ideson, secretary, Carnegie library, Houston, Texas.
- Vermont Library Association: Edith E. Clark, secretary, University library, Burlington.
- Virginia Library Association: E. S. Evans, secretary, State library, Richmond.
- Washington Library Association: Pearl McDonnell, secretary, Public library, Seattle.
- Wisconsin Library Association: Maude Macpherson, Public library, Watertown.

LIBRARY CLUBS

- For fuller information as to members, meetings, publications etc. see the paper Library associations and clubs read by Mr. J. C. Dana at the Portland conference and printed in the Proceedings.
- Ann Arbor Library Club: Franc Pattison, secretary, University library, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Bay Path Library Club: Mary E. Robinson, secretary, Y. M. library ass't, Palmer, Mass.
- Cape Cod Library Club: Alexina P. Burgess, secretary, Wareham, Mass.
- Central New York Library Club: Elizabeth P. Clarke, secretary, Seymour library, Auburn.
- Chicago Library Club: Ellen G. Smith, secretary, The John Crerar library, Chicago.
- Eastern Maine Library Club: J. H. Winchester, secretary, Stewart Free L., Corinna.
- Fox River Valley Library Association: Blanche Thompson, secretary, Ripon, Wis.
- Highland Library Club: Elisabeth G. Thorne, secretary, Port Jervis, New York.
- Hudson River Library Club: Celia M. Houghton, secretary, High school library, Albany, New York.
- Indianapolis Library Club: Chalmers Hadley, secretary, State House, Indianapolis.
- Iowa City Library Club: Helen McRaith, secretary, Public library, Iowa City, Iowa.
- Lake Country Library Club: Caroline F. Webster, secretary, Geneseo, New York.

Library Club of Buffalo: Miss Katharine L. Cuthbert, secretary, Law library, Buffalo.

Long Island Library Club: Mary Z. Cruice, secretary, Pratt institute free library, Brooklyn.

Mohawk Valley Library Club: Mary France, secretary, Public library, Johnstown, N. Y.

Monongahela Valley Library Association: Chas. E. Wright, secretary, Carnegie library, Duquesne, Pa.

Nashville Library Club: Jennie Lauderdale, secretary, State L., Nashville, Tennessee.

New York Library Club: Elizabeth L. Foote, secretary, 209 West 23d st., New York Public library.

Olean District Library Club: Miss H. M. B. Sherwin, secretary, Olean, New York.

Pennsylvania Library Club: Edith Brinkmann, secretary, H. Josephine Widener Branch of Free library of Philadelphia.

St. Lawrence Library Club: Florence R. Curtis, secretary, Potsdam, New York.

Southern Tier Library Club: Jennie Kennedy, secretary, Southworth library, Dryden, N. Y.

Southern Worcester Library Club: Beatrice Putnam, secretary, Public library, Uxbridge, Mass.

Twin City Library Club: Clara F. Baldwin, secretary, Minn. public library commission, St. Paul.

Western Massachusetts Library Club: Frances E. Haynes, secretary, Mt. Holyoke college library, South Hadley.

MEMBERS

This list has been prepared at A. L. A. headquarters and is, so far as known, correct to September 20th. It has seemed wise to print the names of honorary members separately and to print the names of libraries and other institutional members in Gothic type and those of life members in capitals that they may both be readily distinguished from annual members.

Public libraries have been classified under the names of the towns in which they are located, while state libraries, library associations and library clubs are classified by states.

The number following each name is the registration number in the order of joining.

Honorary Members

Andrew Carnegie, LL. D., New York City, N. Y. 1902
 Charles William Eliot, LL. D., Cambridge, Mass. 372
 Daniel Coit Gilman, LL. D., Baltimore, Md. 2495
 Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D., Boston, Mass. 2496
 Ezekiel A. Harris, Jersey City, N. J. 2504
 S. Hastings Grant, Elizabeth, N. J. 2503
 Charles W. Jenks, Providence, R. I. 699
 Bishop John H. Vincent, Cleveland, O. 1817

Abbatt, William, Publisher, 281 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y. 2662.
 Abbot, Etheldred, Ln. Art Dept. Wellesley Coll., Wellesley, Mass. 2575.
 Abbot, George Maurice, Treas. Library Co. of Phila., Philadelphia, Pa. 611.
 Abbot, Mrs. Rose S. G., Dewey House, Smith, Coll., Northampton, Mass. 3771.
 Abbott, Jane H., Ln. P. L., South Omaha, Neb. 3175.
 Ackerman, Florence, Ln. P. L., Plainville, Kan. 3113.
 Ackley, Gabriella, Ln. P. L., Oconomowoc, Wis. 3533.
 Acushnet (Mass.) P. L. 4101.
 Adams, Benjamin, Asst. to Chief Circulating Dept. P. L., 209 W. 23d St., New York, N. Y. 2529.
 Adams, Edna C., Asst. State Hist. Soc., Madison, Wis. 3357.
 Adler, Dr. Cyrus, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. 1122. Asst. Sec'y.
 Adsit, R. Lionne, Library School, Albany, N. Y. 3989.
 AHERN, MARY EILEEN, Ed. Public Libraries, Library Bureau, 156 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. 1676. Life member.
 Alabama Dept. of Archives & Hist., Montgomery, Ala. (T. M. Owen, Ln.) 4092.
 Alabama Dept. of Libraries. (Frances Nimo Greene, Sec'y.) 4093.
 Alabama L. Association, Carnegie Bldg., Montgomery, Ala. 4022.
 Albert, Anna B., Ln. Young Folks L., La Junta, Col. 3683.
 Alexander, William Hall, Asst. Assoc. of the Bar L., New York, N. Y. 3249.
 Allen, Carrie S., Asst. Chld's Ln. P. L., Milton, Mass. 4063.
 Alliance (Ohio) Carnegie L. 3499.
 Ambler, Sarah, Asst. Cataloger Office Supt. of Documents, Washington, D. C. 2796.
 AMBROSE, LODILLA, Asst. Ln. Northwestern Univ. L., Evanston, Ill. 895. Life member.
 Ames, Harriet Howe, Ln. Hoyt L., Saginaw, Mich. 267.
 Ames, John Griffith, Interior Dept., Washington, D. C. 1311 Ln. Document L.
 Ames, William Homer, Ln. J. Herman Bosler Memorial L., Carlisle, Pa. 3478.
 Amherst (Mass.) Coll. L. (William I. Fletcher, Ln.) 3514.

- Amherst (Mass.) L. Asso. 4242.
- Amidon, Mary Irene, Ln. Coe Coll. L., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 3435.
- Anderson, Edwin Hatfield, Director State L., Albany, N. Y. 1083.
- Anderson, John R., Bookseller, 96 5th Ave., New York, N. Y. 2944.
- Anderson (S. C.) L. Asso. 4094.
- Andrew, Mrs. Kate Deane, Ln. Steele Memorial L., Elmira, N. Y. 2760.
- ANDREWS, CLEMENT WALKER, Ln. The John Crerar L., Chicago, Ill. 796. Life member.
- Andrews, Elsie V., Asst. State Normal Coll., Ypsilanti, Mich. 4119.
- Andrews, Mrs. Judith W., 36 Rutland Square, Boston, Mass. 1996.
- Angland, Jane F., Asst. F. P. L., Paterson, N. J. 4109.
- Armstrong, Edmund La Touche, Ln. P. L. of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia. 1392.
- Arnold, Lillian B., Ln. Carnegie-Stout Free Library, Dubuque, Iowa. 3077.
- Arnold, Stephen Harris, Vice-Pres. Providence Athenaeum, Providence, R. I. 2551.
- Asheville L. Assoc., Asheville, N. C. (Donald Gillis, Vice-Pres.) 3656.
- Ashurst, John, Asst. Ln. F. L., Philadelphia, Pa. 1678.
- Ashley, Grace, Sec'y to Ln. F. P. L., Newark, N. J. 1992.
- Ashley, May, Ln. P. L., Greenfield, Mass. 2031.
- Askew, Sarah B., Organizer P. L. Commission, Trenton, N. J. 3641.
- Atlanta (Ga.) Library Training School of The Carnegie Library of Atlanta. (Anne Wallace, Director.) 3418.
- Atlantic City (N. J.) F. P. L. (Miss Alvaretta P. Abbott, Ln.) 3317.
- Atwood, Alice Cary, Dept. of Agriculture L., Washington, D. C. 2641.
- Aubere, Rubie F., Ln. P. L., Havana, Ill. 3231.
- Augusta (Ga.) Home Sunday School Library. 4087.
- Austen, Willard H., Ref. Ln. Cornell Univ. L., Ithaca, N. Y. 1120.
- Austin (Texas) Univ. of Tex. L. (Phineas L. Windsor, Ln.) 4102.
- Ayer, Clarence Walter, Ln. P. L., Cambridge, Mass. 1984.
- Ayer, Winslow B., Trus. L. Assoc., Portland, Ore. 2706.
- Ayres, Samuel Gardiner, Ln. Drew Theological Seminary L., Madison, N. J. 976.
- Babbitt, Grace E., Asst. P. L., Washington, D. C. 4121.
- Babine, Alexis V., Asst. L. of Congress, Washington, D. C. 1683.
- Babson, Mrs. Glen T., Trus. P. L., Seward, Neb. 3380.
- Bacon, Corinne, Instructor N. Y. State L. S., Albany, N. Y. 2536.
- Bacon, Mrs. Susan R., Goshen, N. Y. 1641.
- Baensch, Emilida, Asst. P. L., Manitowoc, Wis. 4017.
- Bailey, Arthur Low, Ln. Wilmington Inst. F. L., Wilmington, Del. 1999. ..
- Bailey, Louis J., Copyright Division, L. of C., Washington, D. C. 3642.
- Baillie, Herbert W., Ln. P. L., Wellington, New Zealand. 3409.
- Bain, James, Jr., Chief Ln. P. L., Toronto, Ont., Canada. 462.
- Bains, William M., Bookseller, 1213-15 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa. 1552.
- Baldwin, Clara F., Sec. Minn. P. L. Commission, Room 21, New Capitol, St. Paul, Minn. 1872.
- Baldwin, Elizabeth G., Ln. Teachers' Coll. L., W. 120th St., near Amsterdam Ave., New York, N. Y. 828.
- Baldwin, Emma V., Ln.'s Sec'y P. L., Brooklyn, N. Y. 2718.
- Ball, Rose, Ln. Albion Coll. L., Albion, Mich. 4034.
- Ball, Sarah B., P. L., Newark, N. J. 3284.
- Ballard, Harlan Hoge, Ln. and Curator Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield, Mass. 2423.
- Baltimore (Md.) Enoch Pratt Free L. (Bernard C. Sterner, Ln.) 4214.
- Baltimore (Md.) Peabody Inst. (Philip R. Uhler, Ln.) 164.
- Bancroft, Anna M., Chairman Trustees Bancroft Memorial L., Hopedale, Mass. 3420.

- Bancroft, Edna Helen, 199 Kingston Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 3684.
- Banks, Mary, Ref. Ln. P. L., Seattle, Wash. 3265.
- Bardwell, Willis Arthur, Asst. Ln. P. L., 26 Brevoort Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. 772.
- Bardwell, Mrs. Willis A., 60 Cambridge Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. 4188.
- Barker, Beatrice J., Cataloger Univ. of Calif. L., Berkeley, Calif. 3029.
- Barmby, Mary, Ln. P. L., San Jose, Calif. 3160.
- Barnes, Mrs. Clara P., Ln. Gilbert M. Simmons L., Kenosha, Wis. 2224.
- Barnes, Cornelia S., Asst. P. L., Denver, Col. 3710.
- Barnes, Tirza L., Ln. Otterbein Univ. L., Westerville, Ohio. 3593.
- Barnett, Claribel Ruth, Asst. Ln. Dept. of Agriculture L., Washington, D. C. 1434.
- Barnum, Thomas Rossiter, Asst. to Sec'y of Yale Univ., 344 Humphrey St., New Haven, Conn. 792.
- BARNWELL, JAMES G., Ln. Library Co. of Phila., Philadelphia, Pa. 24. Life member.
- Barnwell, W. E., Asst. Ln. P. L., Cincinnati, Ohio. 420.
- Barr, Annie L., Ln. P. L., Belfast, Me. 4231.
- Barr, Charles James, Asst. Ln. The John Crerar L., Chicago, Ill. 2565.
- Barry, Kathleen Eileen, Care Cedric Chivers, 1242 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 3913.
- Barry, Madeleine C., Asst. P. L., 444 Amsterdam Ave., New York. 4132.
- Barstow, John L., Trus. F. L., Shelburne, Vt. 2132.
- Bartlett, Mrs. A. C., Trus. L. Assoc., Asheville, N. C. 4198.
- Bartlett, B. P., Ln. Y. M. C. A. L., LeRoy, N. Y. 4211.
- BARTON, EDMUND MILLS, Ln. American Antiquarian Soc., Worcester, Mass. 33. Life member.
- Barton, Margaret S., 1st Asst. P. L., West End, Br., Boston, Mass. 2501.
- Bascom, Elva Lucile, Asst. State L., Albany, N. Y. 2477.
- Baskette, Geo. H., Trus. Carnegie L., Nashville, Tenn. 4190.
- Batchelder, Isabel, 186 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. 1938.
- Bates, Creed F., Ex. Pres. L. Assoc., Chattanooga, Tenn. 2797.
- Bates, Flora J., Asst. Ln. Chicago Normal School L., Chicago, Ill. 2214.
- Bates, Margaret, Asst. P. L., Chattanooga, Tenn. 3439.
- Bath, Eva M., care of H. G. Wadlin, P. L., Boston. 4179.
- Baugham, Mary M., Ln. Kennedy L., Spartansburg, S. C. 4064.
- Baxter, Charles Newcomb, Asst. Boston Athenaeum, Boston, Mass. 2737.
- Bay City (Mich.) P. L. (Aaron J. Cooke, Ln.) 103.
- Beach, Bessie Baldwin, Ln. Indian School, Carlisle, Pa. 2239.
- Beaman, Luella O., Princeton, Mass. 3772.
- Beardslee, Oliver Guy, Ln. Booklovers' L., 1215 Post St., San Francisco, Cal. 3948.
- Beatty, Mrs. Nellie Griswold, Ln. F. P. L., Lawrence, Kan. 2986.
- Beatty, Sarah A., Catalog Dept. P. L., 199 Montague St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 3851.
- Beck, Sue K., Ln. P. L., Crawfordsville, Ind. 2343.
- Beckley, Clara M., Ln. Prospect Branch P. L., Brooklyn, N. Y. 3754.
- BECKWITH, DANIEL, Ex. Ln., Providence, R. I. 139. Life member.
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- BEER, WILLIAM, Ln. Howard Memorial L., New Orleans, La. 747. Life member.
- Beers, Isabel, Ln. F. L., Bedford, N. Y. 2449.
- Belfrage, David M., Ln. Cooper Medical Coll. L., San Francisco, Calif. 3238.
- Belin, Henry, Jr., Treas. P. L., Scranton, Pa. (Address 401 Connell Bldg.) 3488.
- Bell, Minnie M., Ln. Tulane Univ. L., New Orleans, La. 3667.
- Benjamin, Anna, Ln. P. L., Saginaw, West Side, Mich. 3155.
- Bennett, Stella, Cat. Asst. University of Illinois L., Urbana, Ill. 4067.

- Benson, R. D., Trus. P. L., Passaic, N. J. (Address 66 Passaic Ave.) 3455.
- Bergland, Emma, Moline Ill. 4183.
- Berry, Silas Hurd, Ex. Ln., 507 Throop Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 587.
- Bevans, Mary M., Ln. P. L., Rhinelander, Wis. 3645.
- Biagi, Dr. Guido, Director Laurentian Library, Florence, Italy. 4241.
- Bierstadt, Oscar A., Custodian Bates Hall, P. L., Boston, Mass. 2549.
- BIGELOW, FRANK BARNA, Ln. N. Y. Society L., 109 University Place, New York, N. Y. 1326. Life member.
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- Billings, Dr. John Shaw, Director P. L., New York, N. Y. 404.
- Billstein, Nathan, with Lord Baltimore Press, Baltimore, Md. 1380.
- Binghamton (N. Y.) P. L. (W. F. Seward, Ln. 4230.
- Binney, William, 72 Prospect St., Providence, R. I. 3564.
- Birtwell, Frances Margaret, Cataloger L. of Law School, Harvard Univ., Cambridge, Mass. 1388.
- Biscoe, Ellen Lord, Instr. Drexel Inst., Philadelphia, Pa. 1530.
- Biscoe, Walter Stanley, Senior Ln. State L., Albany, N. Y. 80.
- Bishop, Frances Annette, Asst. Ln. P. L., Kansas City, Mo. 1325.
- Bishop, William Warner, Ref. Ln. Princeton Univ. L., Princeton, N. J. 1435.
- Bixby, Edward C., Asst. Ln. P. L., Providence, R. I. 861.
- Black, Mabel Adelia, 234 Albany Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 3271.
- Blacksburg (Va.) Virginia Polytechnic Inst. 4235.
- Blackwelder, Paul, Asst. Ln. P. L., St. Louis, Mo. 3572.
- Blair, Emma Helen, Historical ed. State Hist. Soc., Madison, Wis. 1524.
- Blair, Mirpah, Branch L. organizer P. L., Cincinnati, Ohio. 3089.
- Blaisdell, Frank C., Chief Issue Dept. P. L., Boston, Mass. 2499.
- Blakely, Bertha Eliza, Ln. Mount Holyoke Coll. L., South Hadley, Mass. 1383.
- Blanchard, Alice Arabella, Asst. P. L., Seattle, Washington. 3470.
- Blanchard, Grace, Ln. P. L., Concord, N. H. 2438.
- Blatchford, Eliphalet Wickes, Pres. Trustees Newberry L., Chicago, Ill. (Address 375 La Salle Ave.) 162.
- Bliss, Richard, Ln. Redwood L., Newport, R. I. 702.
- Bliss, Robert P., F. L. Commission, Harrisburg, Pa. 1553.
- Blunt, Florence Tolman, Asst. P. L., Haverhill, Mass. 2722.
- Boardman, Alice, Asst. Ln. State L., Columbus, Ohio. 1677.
- Bogle, Sarah Conly Norris, Ln. Juniata Coll. L., Huntingdon, Pa. 3065.
- Bogue, Oliver H., 115 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 2272.
- Bolton, Charles Knowles, Ln. Boston Athenaeum, Boston, Mass. 1248.
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- Wildman, Linda Frobisher, Cataloger Boston Athenaeum, Boston, Mass. 1588.
- Wiley, Edwin, Ln. Vanderbilt Univ. L., Nashville, Tenn. 1704.
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- Wood, Harriet Ann, Ln. F. P. L., Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 1911.
- Wood, Mary, Ln. Carnegie P. L., Boise, Idaho. 3595.
- Wood, Mary E., Boone College, Wuchang, China. 4112.
- Wooding, Charles L., Ln. F. P. L., Bristol, Conn. 3649.
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- Worthington, Mrs. Mary Scott R., Ln. P. L., Bloomsburg, Pa. 3173.
- Wright, Charles Edward, Asst. Ln. Carnegie L., Duquesne, Pa. 1757.
- Wright, Jane, Ln. Art L., Cincinnati Museum Assoc., Cincinnati, Ohio. 3720.
- Wright Purd B., Ln. F. P. L., St. Joseph, Mo. 1652.

- Wrigley, Eva, Student Southern Library School, Atlanta, Ga. 3949.
- Wroth, Lawrence C., Ln. Md. Diocesan L., Baltimore, Md. 3756.
- Wulfekoetter, Lillie, Cataloger P. L., Cincinnati, Ohio. 3125.
- Wyche, Benjamin, Ln. Carnegie L., San Antonio, Texas. 1832.
- WYER, JAMES INGERSOLL, JR., Ref. Ln. State L., and Vice Director N. Y. State L. S., Albany, N. Y. 1484. Life member.
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- YUST, WILLIAM FREDERICK, Ln. F. P. L., Louisville, Ky. 2407. Life member.
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The following list, prepared by Mrs. H. J. Carr, continues the necrological records of A. L. A. members in the Handbooks 1900-06.

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- Baker, Mrs. Catherine D. (Paddock) (Mrs. William Fleet.) 1920,-1900. (1) d. in Wellford, W. Va., July —, 1906.
- Dalton, Miss Mary Louise, Ln. Mo. Hist. Soc., St. Louis, Mo. 2980,-1904. (1) d. June 13, 1907.
- Denison, George A. Retired clergyman; and later on the editorial staff of the Springfield Republican. 2064,-1900. (5) d. Aug. 18, 1907.
- Frankenburger, David Bower, Madison, Wis. 268,-1879. d. 1906.
- Groth, Mrs. Mary Louise (Stillman) (Mrs. August). 1764,-1898. (3) d. in Milwaukee, Wis., June 23, 1907.
- Jackson, Rev. George A., Ln. Gen. Theol. L., Boston, Mass. 1978,-1900. (2) d. May 8, 1907.
- Knapp, August. 710,-1888. d. May 22, 1900.
- Langford, Miss Louise P., Columbia Univ. L., New York. 483,-1885. d.
- McKnight, Herbert. 2960,-1903. (1) d. at Fairhaven, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1906.
- MacMullen, Miss Grace L., Columbia Univ. L., New York. 2677,-1902. (2) d. Aug. 8, 1906.
- Steddom, Miss Susan Wright. 3612,-1906. d. Jan. 6, 1907.
- Thomas, Rev. Joseph Conable, Ln. Methodist Book Concern, New York. 1016,-1892. (1) d. Sept. 18, 1906.



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CONSTITUTION

THE Committee on the revision of the constitution has a most important work to do and it is hoped that members, having suggestions to offer, will respond immediately to the invitation of the committee, printed elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin.

For years it has often been remarked that the existing constitution is weak by reason of its ambiguity. That several of its paragraphs are susceptible of various interpretations has been shown on many an occasion.

The report of the Finance committee calls attention to the very important provision which should have long since been incorporated within the constitution. Reference is had to the absence of any direct provision for a fiscal year. Heretofore, the fiscal year has coincided with the calendar year, such interpretation receiving its support in Section 1 of the By-laws which, in reference to annual dues, says "payable in advance in January." As the treasurer is elected at the annual conference, sometimes in the spring and sometimes in the fall, it happens that the yearly financial statement always covers the operations of two treasurers, an entirely unusual and undesirable condition, the more especially as it is impossible for the outgoing treasurer to immediately turn over to his successor the books and accounts of the association, this by reason of the fact that the out-going treasurer must close his accounts after the conference has adjourned. This clearly means that there is no specific date on which the transfer is made. If, however, the fiscal year should end on the last day of December there would be no such complications preventing the immediate transfer on that date from one treasurer to another.

The expenses of each year must be borne by the income of that year and it would seem wise, not only to have the fiscal year coincide with the calendar year; but to make the office of the treasurer coincide with both. Due consideration, indeed, should be given to the very natural suggestion that all of the officers and committees of the association should hold office from January to January. Thus

old it happen that their tenure of office would always cover the same and a specified period of time. In 1889-1890 their term of office lasted fifteen months while in 1904-1905 the officers of the association served less than nine months,

TRANSACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, STAMFORD, N. Y., AND PITTSBURGH, PENN.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Transactions of a meeting of the Executive board held at Stamford, N. Y., September 26, 1907, at which were present A. E. Bostwick, President; C. H. Gould, First Vice-President, J. I. Wyer, Jr., Secretary; A. H. Hopkins, Treasurer; C. W. Andrews, ex-President; Lutie E. Stearns, Recorder and, by invitation, E. C. Hovey, Executive officer. By reason of illness, Miss Helen E. Haines, the Second Vice-President was absent.

Continuance of headquarters. Mr Andrews reported for a committee of one, appointed at the last meeting, that he had conferred with members of the Publishing board and that that body had agreed to contribute a sum not exceeding \$500 towards Mr Hovey's salary for the current calendar year provided the funds available for Headquarters are not otherwise sufficient to continue their administration on the present basis until January 1, 1908. The report was accepted.

Mr Andrews moved that the action of the President and Secretary in extending the lease of the A. L. A. headquarters at No. 34 Newbury St., Boston, for one year from September 1, 1907, be and hereby is confirmed. *Voted*, That this motion lie upon the table.

Finance reports. The Treasurer, Mr Hopkins, then submitted the following statement embodying the report of the Finance committee.

The illness of the former Treasurer prevented a presentation of his report at the Asheville meeting of the A. L. A. Upon my return journey from that meeting I called upon him at Washington. He was making recovery and expressed a hope that he might be able to close up his books before long and turn the work over to me.

This was not accomplished however when the time came for me to go upon my summer vacation. Upon my return, about September 10th, to my desk I found that the books and the Treasurer's report had been sent to my office while I was away. The books were closed August 8, 1907 and showed a balance of \$2,354.77 on hand. To this sum is to be added \$12 received by me from six old members since the Asheville meeting. Against this were bills aggregating \$1,086.15 in my hands awaiting payment. The rent and salaries for Headquarters during September with other bills not in my hands were also unpaid. Desiring advice from the Finance committee I succeeded in having a conference with Messrs Macbeth and Brett but a formal meeting of the Committee could not be had in the time remaining before the date of this meeting of the Executive board. Messrs Macbeth and Brett were of the opinion that the Finance committee could not make a budget without first obtaining fuller information than was then available. They agreed however to the following statement to be submitted to the Executive board:

The Finance committee, having considered the present financial situation of the Association in the light of such information as has been available to it to this date, finds that it can not recommend a budget similar to that recommended last year. It therefore has authorized the payment of such bills as have been placed before it aggregating to date \$1,086.15 and makes a budget totaling \$1,250, from which the Executive board may make appropriations to cover the period up to February 1, 1908.

Very respectfully

(Signed) GEORGE A. MACBETH
W. H. BRETT

Finance committee.

I am in receipt of a letter from the third member of the Finance committee, Mr D.

B. Hall, in which his opinion expressed independently supports that of the other two members of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) A. H. HOPKINS, Treasurer.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

Pursuant to the action taken at Asheville on May 29, relative to the continuance of Headquarters, Mr Hovey made the following report: "I report, as Executive officer, that I have no definite statement to make covering subscriptions from outside sources for the fiscal year, beginning January 1, 1908." (Signed) E. C. Hovey. *Voted*, That the report be received.

Voted, That the Executive board proceed to make appropriations for expenditures to cover the period up to January 1, 1908. After a discussion of means available, Mr Hovey tendered his resignation to take effect January 1, 1908. After careful consideration, it was

Voted, That the resignation be accepted, with thanks for the services which Mr Hovey has rendered.

Voted, That Messrs Hopkins, Andrews and Wyer be appointed a committee of three to consider appropriations up to January 1, 1908, and that the report be made a special order for eight o'clock on this date.

Committee appointment. Miss Irene Warren, Librarian of the University of Chicago School of Education, was appointed Chairman of the Committee on cooperation with the N. E. A.

Catalog rules. The report of the Committee on the printing of the A. L. A. Catalog rules was next considered. After a review of the proposals and samples of printing submitted by the A. L. A. Publishing board, it was

Voted, That the printing of the Catalog rules be entrusted to the Publishing board in accordance with their letters of May 25, 1907, and September 10, 1907, and in conformity with the requirements of the Committee on Catalog rules.

A. L. A. Bulletin. A communication was received from the Publishing board rela-

tive to the selection of material for the numbers of the Bulletin other than the Proceedings and Handbook. *Voted*, That the Publishing board be informed that the selection of material for the November Bulletin will be made by the Executive officer, and beginning with January 1908, by the Secretary of the Association.

Minnetonka conference. A communication was received from Miss Countryman giving particulars concerning hotels and rates at Minnetonka. A tentative date, June 26—July 1, 1908, was decided upon to be made formal and public later when communications could be had with the local authorities at Minnetonka.

A letter was presented from the exhibitors at the Asheville conference relative to the extortionate rates charged by the local headquarters hotel. *Voted*, That a committee of three on Commercial exhibits be appointed to report at the meeting of the Executive board preceding the conference. The President appointed Mr Wyer, Miss Gratia Countryman, and a third to be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee.

Report of Program committee. Mr Andrews presented the following report for the Program committee on the editing of the proceedings of the Asheville meeting.

Sept. 26, 1907

To the Executive board:

The Program committee respectfully report that they have attended to the duties prescribed by the By-laws. Within a month from the close of the Asheville Conference the papers and records of the general sessions and nearly all those of the sectional meetings had been edited. The affiliated organizations were somewhat slow in sending in their records, but the complete copy was sent to the Publishing board on July 26.

In doing this work the Committee had in mind the express desire of the Council for a limitation of the size of the Proceedings. All documents and appendices presented with papers and reports were omitted, three papers printed elsewhere were omitted entirely and another returned to its author for condensation, the stenographic report of the introductory and connective matter and of the discussions was

materially abridged, and it was decided to print the Necrology in the Handbook.

A considerable economy, not less than five pages, was secured by printing all papers in their chronological order in the Proceedings. This is the logical method of treatment; and if the program is well arranged and strictly carried out ought to be at least as convenient as the former method of separating the papers and the discussions.

On the other hand, the Committee are inclined to think that a change of topic should be indicated typographically by lines or additional leads; that the Proceedings should contain a list of the officers serving during the conference; and that the Proceedings of the outgoing and the incoming Executive boards should be clearly distinguished. They suggest reference to these points to their successors.

The Proceedings as printed occupy 14 more pages than those of 1906. This increase, however, is more than accounted for by the slightly more extended type used, the choice of a page with one less line of print and the inclusion of the reports of the National Association of State Libraries and the American Association of Law Libraries over their allowance of 15 will be of course at their expense.

The Committee are of the opinion that the Proceedings have been condensed as much as is desirable, believing that members not present at the Conference should have the benefit of as full a report as possible, and believing also that the papers read at the meetings are, as a rule, worthy of being printed in full.

They hope, however, that the vote of the Council in regard to papers before the sections will secure shorter papers and more discussion, and they further recommend that as the Report on Gifts and bequests is for the calendar year it be published hereafter in one of the Bulletins other than the Proceedings number.

The Committee desire to express their thanks to the Publishing board for their share of the work and especially to Miss Nina E. Browne for the care with which the material has been prepared for and carried through the press. They hope that due allowance will be made for imperfections and delays in carrying out the work for the first time, and that the result will be considered creditable to the Association as well as to those concerned directly in its preparation.

For the Program committee

C. W. ANDREWS, Chairman
HELEN E. HAINES
J. I. WYER, JR.

Voted, That the report be accepted and recommendations approved.

The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Miss Helen E. Haines, expressing the regret of the Executive board over her enforced absence.

Adjourned, to meet at 8 o'clock. September 26.

ADJOURNED MEETING, SEPT. 26.

The meeting was called to order by the President. All present but Miss Helen E. Haines.

Report of Appropriations committee. Mr Hopkins, Chairman of the Special committee on appropriations, submitted the following report for the period ending December 31, 1907:

E. C. Hovey, salary	\$325.
Secretary's salary	70.
Rent	333.33
Stenographer (Headquarters) ..	266.67
Treasurer's office	25.
Handbook	200.
Incidentals, including Bulletin No. 6.....	30.
Total	\$1250.

"The Committee further recommends that the Executive board ask the Finance committee to take cognizance of the fact that the Executive officer had in his hands a balance of \$600 not turned over to the Treasurer. If the Finance committee will include this in its funds available for the balance of the current year, the Committee recommends the payment of Mr Hovey's salary in full with the aid of this fund. If not, the committee recommends that the Publishing board be called upon to make good its guarantee of \$500, for this purpose." *Voted*, That the report be approved and recommendations adopted.

Headquarter's lease. *Moved* by Mr Andrews to take the question of lease of Headquarters from the table. *Voted*, By unanimous consent the motion concerning lease of Headquarters was amended and put upon its passage as follows: *Voted*, That the action of the President and Sec-

retary in extending the lease of A. L. A. Headquarters at No. 34 Newbury St., Boston, for one year from September 1, 1907, be and hereby is confirmed, but that they be requested to ascertain on what terms it would be possible to terminate the occupancy of said quarters prior to the expiration of the lease, and to report at the next meeting of the Board.

A. L. A. Publishing board. The special order of business set for ten o'clock on September 27, relative to reduced rates to members for A. L. A. publications, was by unanimous vote changed to consideration at this time.

Mr Legler, Chairman of the Publishing board, appeared for the Board, by request. After a thorough discussion of the matter, Mr Andrews moved that the Publishing board, in replying to the request of the Executive board of May 29, 1907, be asked to include a discount to all members of the Association. Seconded and carried.

The attention of the Chairman of the Publishing board was called to the fact that Mr Hovey had reported that \$136 had been received for copies of the Proceedings and the money placed, through error, in the treasury of the Publishing board.

SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 27

A special meeting of the Executive board was held, upon call of the President, at 2.45 p. m.

Voted, That the Executive officer be instructed to sell copies of the Proceedings of 1907, until the date of the next conference of the A. L. A., for \$1 plus postage to members of the American Library Association and the members of the affiliated organizations, and to all others at \$2 plus postage.

Voted, That the Executive board requests the Executive officer to prepare for the next meeting of the Executive board on October 19, a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures of Headquarters, including the subscriptions for maintenance of the same, and a statement of those remaining unpaid, if any, and an estimate of the expenses absolutely neces-

sary to carry Headquarters till February 1, 1908.

Moved, to adjourn until 10 a. m. October 19, at Pittsburgh, unless otherwise ordered by the President. Carried.

LUTIE E. STEARNS, Recorder.

ADJOURNED MEETING OCTOBER 19

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with the following members present: A. E. Bostwick, President; C. H. Gould, First Vice-President; J. I. Wyer, Jr., Secretary; A. H. Hopkins, Treasurer; C. W. Andrews, ex-President and the following gentlemen present by invitation: G. A. Macbeth and W. H. Brett of the Finance committee, and H. E. Legler, Chairman of the Publishing board.

The minutes of the three meetings at Stamford, N. Y., September 26-27, 1907, were read and after corrections adding the exact date "June 26—July 1" to the vote regarding the 1908 conference and the words "plus postage" after the sums fixed for the sale of Proceedings to members and others, they were approved.

Report of lease of headquarters. Messrs Bostwick and Wyer, a committee appointed to ascertain upon what terms it would be possible to terminate occupancy of quarters at 34 Newbury St., Boston, prior to expiration of lease on Sept. 1, 1908, reported that they had secured copy of the lease and found that it contained no provision forbidding sub-letting. Report was received and discussion developed the sense of the Board that should action be taken providing for the removal of Headquarters from Boston the sub-letting of present quarters should be promptly placed with a rental agency.

Report from Executive officer. In accordance with request of Executive board at its meeting Sept. 27, the Executive officer submitted through the President a report indicating that it was impossible for him from data at his command to furnish a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of Headquarters; that the sum of \$1300 in addition to the rent paid by the Publishing board would be

sufficient to maintain Headquarters from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 1907, and that of contributions towards support of Headquarters there still remain unpaid \$500, one-half of which is good and will be paid before Dec. 31, the other half doubtful.

A. L. A. Publishing board. A communication from the Publishing board touching various topics referred to it by the Executive board at Stamford, was submitted in person by the chairman, Mr Legler.

The A. L. A. Publishing board, acting upon recommendations and transactions of the Executive board at Stamford, September 26-27, and communicated to it through its Chairman, submits the following extracts from minutes of its Proceedings on October 1-2, 1907.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay such portion of the \$500 guarantee for the salary of the Executive officer, as may seem to be necessary.

Voted, That the Treasurer pay to the A. L. A. the net proceeds of the sale of Proceedings up to date as recorded on the accounts of the Publishing board, and that he continue to make similar payment in future.

The Executive board having allowed \$100 to the Publishing board for editorial work on the Proceedings of 1907, it was voted to accept that amount.

Voted, That the Board undertake the printing of the rules in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive board. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr Hanson, the chairman of the Catalog rules committee, and to get from him in writing confirmation of the conditions indicated by the Executive board, and to ask that copy be submitted as early as possible. It was suggested that it might be feasible to issue the sample cards in card form rather than in book form.

The question of discounts to A. L. A. members received consideration, and the Chairman was directed to reply to the Executive board that serious doubt having arisen in the minds of the members whether the Board is justified in making a

discount under the terms of the Carnegie gift, the Board must defer action till further light can be obtained.

Report from Finance committee. Mr George A. Macbeth, chairman of the Finance committee, reported the great difficulty experienced by his Committee in preparing a budget covering any annual period.

1 Because there is no constitutional or other provision designating a fiscal year.

2 Because of the exceedingly unsatisfactory and uncertain condition in which his Committee finds the Association finances due to the prevalent custom of permitting more than one person to pay bills, the uncertainty as to the fiscal year and the difficulty of being sure that payment against appropriations for any given year are paid out of monies actually received for the same year.

The Finance committee recommended:

1 That it seems desirable that the terms of office of the Treasurer and the members of the Finance committee should coincide with the fiscal year and that the end of the fiscal year might well be fixed at a time shortly before the earliest date at which the annual conference is likely to be held, say April 1, (referred to Committee on Constitutional revision).

2 That the laws of Massachusetts under which the A. L. A. is incorporated be examined to see if there may not be provisions affecting time of annual meeting. (referred to Committee on Constitutional revision).

3 That in future all bills be paid by and through the Treasurer of the Association and not through Executive officers.

These recommendations were adopted and the Finance committee submitted the following report relating to Budget.

The books of the Treasurer and the assurance of the Secretary appearing to indicate that there are funds enough in the treasury or to be paid into it before Jan. 1, 1908, to provide for the running expenses of the Association according to appropriations totaling \$1250, adopted at Stamford, the Finance committee reports

to the Executive board a budget of \$4000 for the calendar year 1908 based upon the following estimate of receipts for that year.

Dues from 1571 individual members	\$3142
Dues from 170 library members	850
Initiation fees new.....	300
Income from endowment fund	300
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	\$4592

Communication from Trustees of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Mr George A. Macbeth, chairman of the Library committee of the Board of trustees of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, and on behalf of the members of that board, tendered to the Association without expense and for an indefinite length of time, space approximating 2200 square feet, heated and lighted, in the building of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

It was then *Voted*, That the Executive board of the American Library Association hereby tenders to the Chairman of the Library committee of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and to every member of his board most hearty thanks for the very generous and most opportune offer to supply space in the library for the accommodation of A. L. A. Headquarters.

After an inspection by the Board of the proffered quarters, which established the fact that satisfactory facilities for storage and shipping for the work of the Publishing board were available, a recess was taken until 3 o'clock.

Upon reassembling Mr Legler presented the following statement from the Publishing board relative to possible removal of A. L. A. headquarters to Pittsburgh.

Voted, That Messrs Legler and Lane be asked to represent the Publishing board at the meeting of the Executive board in Pittsburgh, October 19, 1907.

Resolved, That the Publishing board feels it desirable that the office of the Publishing board should be in conjunction

with the Headquarters of the A. L. A., if the latter are in New York or Chicago; and would favor the removal of the Publishing board office to either of these places, if A. L. A. headquarters were established there with reasonable prospect of remaining there for a number of years; but it considers that for many reasons Pittsburgh would be an undesirable place for the Publishing board office, and the Board would be reluctant to remove its office thither in any event, until the A. L. A. headquarters should be so organized as to make the cooperation clearly advantageous.

In order that the representatives might be prepared to answer questions as to the undesirability of Pittsburgh as a place for the Publishing board, the following reasons were noted:

1 It would necessitate the appointment of a new secretary.

2 It would require a change in the personnel of the Board, since the present members are all too far removed from that place.

3 A publishing concern should not change its location as a temporary expedient.

4 The Board's office should be located in a library center, where a large enough number of librarians are available for consultation and for membership on the Board, so that there may be two or three resident members.

After extended consideration of the views of the Publishing board and much discussion it was

Voted,

Whereas the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh has kindly offered to the A. L. A. ample and suitable space for the business of its Headquarters and Publishing board *and whereas* the financial condition of the Association renders it impossible to further maintain Headquarters under present arrangements, be it

Resolved, That the Executive board recommend to the Council the acceptance of this offer to take effect as soon as possible. Although many members of the Council

at Asheville expressed the desire that interim meetings be called sparingly, the Executive board feels so strongly that the best interests of the Association are so affected by the very important proposition now before it as to suggest a meeting of the Council at Pittsburgh on Dec. 9, unless the correspondence vote sent out herewith shall be unanimous.

If a majority of the Council shall deem a special meeting unnecessary and shall so express themselves, the Executive board will accept the responsibility of acting in the matter.

Annual budget. The Executive board then adopted the following schedule of appropriations for the calendar year 1908, covering the budget of \$4000 reported by the Finance committee.

A. L. A. Bulletin.....	\$1750
Secretary's office	
Salary	250
Office expenses	125
Conference 1908	400
Treasurer's office	150
Committees	
Bookbuying	75
Book binding	50
Travel	50
Headquarters	1150
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	\$4000

Board adjourned

J. I. WYER, JR., Secretary.

Constitutional revision. Acting upon the recommendation of the A. L. A. Council at Asheville, the following Committee on revision of the constitution has been appointed by the President,

Herbert Putnam, Chairman
C. W. Andrews
W. H. Brett
H. J. Carr
W. C. Lane

The Chairman of this Committee or any of its members will be very glad to receive from any member of the A. L. A. suggestions which may facilitate their work. The earlier that such suggestions can be submitted, the better.

NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS.

The following letter received from Mr Alfred Hafner of Messrs G. E. Stechert & Co. is printed for the information and guidance of members.

My dear Mr Hovey:—

We have recently been notified by the New York Post Office that the German periodical "Die Jugend" has been confiscated on account of a small advertisement to which objection has been made, and we have been informed that all copies sent directly from abroad are held up by the Post Office and will be destroyed and not returned to Europe.

We have recently received various claims from libraries receiving the important daily newspapers from abroad that the numbers have not regularly reached them, and we suspect that these newspapers most of which contain lottery advertisements, have also been held up by the Post Office. Through this proceeding the libraries that bind the newspapers will of course be greatly inconvenienced, and if they wish to stop the destruction of their mail they ought to take immediate action.

Very truly yours,

A. HAFNER.

A. L. A. Handbook. Mr George F. Bowerman asks that attention be called to the fact that the District of Columbia Library Association was omitted from the Handbook. Mr Bowerman of the Public Library of the District of Columbia is its President and Mr Willard O. Waters, of the Library of Congress, is its Secretary.

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